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PREFACE.

In presenting this edition of the Pentateuch to the Jewish public, it is not my intention to make a long preface, respecting the motives which induced me to undertake so great and difficult a task. It has always appeared to me that such a labour ought to be accomplished in this country, and I could not resist the inclination to commence it, under the hope that divine blessing would not be withheld in the accomplishment of the voluntarily assumed task. But with all this it cost me many anxious thoughts before I finally resolved on commencing a work which, having been announced full seven years ago, had notwithstanding its great importance, attracted so little attention, that the aid promised would not pay one-third of the necessary outlay. Still I conceived that the project might not for this reason prove a failure; and thus the first volume is with this presented to my Jewish friends. I speak of my Jewish friends in particular, for however much a revised translation may be desired by all believers in the Word of God, there is no probability that the gentiles will encourage any publication of this nature, emanating from a Jewish writer. In addition to this prudential consideration, the great importance of the subject, the liability of committing error, the

difficulty of being always correct, and the almost impossibility of giving satisfaction, were enough to induce me to reflect with great caution before I commenced; and this is all the apology I have to offer to those kind friends who honoured me with their confidence by subscribing at the first announcement of my intentions, for the unavoidable delay.

As regards the execution of the work, I may safely say that I have bestowed unremitting attention to have it as correct as possible. Properly speaking, the labour of reading, which a correct Hebrew text requires, ought to be performed by at least two competent persons; but in the absence of an associate of this kind, I had to do all this myself; hence I bespeak beforehand the indulgence of the reader, in case he should discover some slight errors. These are however so unavoidable, that so far as I have proceeded up to this moment, I have discovered four slight mistakes in the elaborate edition of the late and learned Wolf Heidenheim, in addition to those marked in his table of errata. If so great a grammarian, with many able assistants and Jewish workmen under his entire control, could so err, how can it be expected that I should escape, when I have no Jewish compositors, and have necessarily to be often away when the work goes to press? The greatest source of error which I have had to contend with was the liability of the small points either to break off in printing, or by their not *coming up* properly, although they were correct in the proof-sheet. Those acquainted with the art of printing, will readily understand what I say, and those who are not, will do me the kindness to believe my assertion that an error which they discover in the book may be quite accidental, and nowise chargeable either to the ignorance or carelessness of the editor. But I trust that so few inaccuracies will be discovered that all will have

to acknowledge that the work has been well done. One thing is certain, that the mechanical appearance must be such as to elicit approbation; and I doubt whether the precious word of God ever appeared among us in a more beautiful form than the volumes in which I am now engaged, and of which the present is the first.

The translation is what it professes, diligently compared and revised with former works of the kind. I do not wish to be understood, that I examined all that were accessible; for such a task, independently of its great laboriousness, would have led to no other results than to confuse instead of assisting my judgment. With the aid of Onkelos, Rashi, Mendelssohn, and the new translation of Mr. Hyman Arnheim of Glogau, and working on the basis of the English version of the Bible, together with the little knowledge I have myself of the sacred tongue, I thought, in all due humility, that I might safely go to the task, confidently relying upon that superior aid, which is never withheld from the inquirer after truth. I did not sit down with a view to promote the growth of any doctrine; as I do not believe that our blessed religion requires for its support the distortion of the sacred text; besides which, were I to believe so, it would not be a sufficient motive for me to falsify the smallest iota of what God has given us as his best gift. I love my religion as the heir-loom of Israel, which I, as one of the people, have inherited from my fathers; but nothing could induce me to support it, if falsehood were the sole basis on which it were founded. The translation, therefore, which is now presented to the public, I endeavoured to make as strictly literal as possible, and even the order of the words I have preserved wherever this was practicable. It may appear perhaps strange at the first view; but I request all to consult and com-

pare text with version, before they pronounce finally upon my delinquency.

Otherwise the arrangement is strictly Jewish. My intention was to furnish a book for the service of the Synagogue, both German and Portuguese; hence I have headed each page with the name of the weekly section, and marked the pauses in the reading, or Parashoth, with a *, to correspond with a similar mark in the Hebrew. I wish to note here that so far as known to me, this has been once omitted in Genesis v. 24. Where two of these figures appear, the reader will understand that different congregations stop at different passages. The same course has been pursued in the Haphtoroth, which are given according to the various customs, with the necessary directions, which arrangement I hope will satisfy all parties.

I have discarded as not accepted among us the usual division of sections, by chapters and otherwise, in the English Bible. It was my intention to furnish a transcript of the Law as it is in our possession; hence I have strictly adhered to the rule of making a paragraph only where the Hebrew text indicated it. No doubt this will appear a great deviation from the beaten track; but it is nevertheless the only method of comparing the translation with the text, and by accomplishing this we are so much nearer to a self-interpretation of the blessed Scriptures.

As the musical accents, no matter whether of high antiquity or of a comparatively modern origin, are of the greatest use in elucidating the proper meaning of the text, I have endeavoured to guide myself carefully by them, and have thus often rendered the text in the manner they indicate; and to my view no Israelite can follow a safer method in the interpretation of the Word than

the internal aid, which these appendages to the text, as received among us, so readily offer.

A great difficulty presented itself in the correct spelling, with English letters, of the proper names. The English version is exceedingly arbitrary in this respect, and has adopted in some instances a rule which it disregards at others. Upon comparing, it will be found that I have introduced a number of changes; still I regret that where so much was required to be done, I have not succeeded in accomplishing all I wished. No doubt but that I have also deviated from the rule which I had proposed to myself, in a few cases perhaps by inadvertence, in others, however, because it would have been next to impossible to introduce the requisite changes with any probability of their being acceptable. This was the case with the names which are so very common, for instance, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, &c., which when spelled as pronounced in Hebrew, would have appeared as new names to the general reader. But where the name was not so generally familiar, and when thus there was no danger of making a confusion, I have not hesitated to conform more closely to the proper pronunciation. I wish to remark, however, that in general the vowels ought to be sounded thus: *a*, long or short ah; *e*, long or short ay; *i*, long or short e; and *u* as long or short oo. *Ch* is used to represent the Hebrew ח, a sound not found in the English, but which is general in other Teutonic languages. The ע I have left unrepresented, as it is almost impossible, in most instances, to convey it in English letters with any degree of accuracy. And it must not be forgotten that all we can arrive at in this matter is an approximation, not a perfect similarity, in languages so different in their sounds as Hebrew and English.

The notes appended to the text may be looked upon as

original; for though all did not originate from myself, they are translated by me; and I will merely remark that I did not aim so much at giving something new, as to impart useful knowledge. For fear of any remarks hereafter, I have to state that I have not looked at a single work issued by the English Jews, and that hence I have not borrowed a single idea or suggestion from any one of them, living or dead; but that whatever faults there are, must be ascribed to me alone; and on the contrary that any improvement in the manner and matter of the Pentateuch for the Synagogue and family use emanates from me solely. The notes would have been more numerous, could the arrangement of the text have permitted it; but I hope at some future day to issue a separate volume as a companion to this work, should the Lord spare me in life and health.

With regard to the critical part of the undertaking I have nothing to remark. So much has been done by our contemporaries, and the learned men, our immediate predecessors, that one can only choose between the immense fund of learning they have opened before us; to originate any thing new is almost impossible. All I had to do was to labour honestly; and I trust that in this as in my previous undertakings the public will accord to me the possession of good intentions, and that this work may conduce to the glory of our Great Father the God and Shield of Israel.

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ספר בראשית

ראשון לתורת האלהים

יקיף משנברא העולם עד שמת יוסף אלפים ושלש מאות ותשע שנים:

THE LAW OF GOD.

VOL. I.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

1 בְּ*רֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ׃
2 וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם
3 וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמָּיִם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
4 אֱלֹהִים יְהִי־אוֹר וַיְהִי־אוֹר׃ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאוֹר
כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאוֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ׃
5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים ׀ לָאוֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לָיְלָה
וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד׃ פ
6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ בְּתוֹךְ הַמָּיִם וִיהִי מַבְדִּיל
7 בֵּין מַיִם לָמָיִם׃ וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָרָקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל
בֵּין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת לָרָקִיעַ וּבֵין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר
8 מֵעַל לָרָקִיעַ וַיְהִי־כֵן׃ וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לָרָקִיעַ שָׁמָיִם
וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שֵׁנִי׃ פ
9 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִקָּווּ הַמַּיִם מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל־
10 מָקוֹם אֶחָד וְתֵרָאֶה הַיַּבָּשָׁה וַיְהִי־כֵן׃ וַיִּקְרָא
אֱלֹהִים לַיַּבָּשָׁה אֶרֶץ וּלְמִקְוֵה הַמַּיִם קָרָא יַמִּים
11 וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תַּדְשֵׁא
הָאָרֶץ דֶּשֶׁא עֵשֶׂב מַזְרִיעַ זֶרַע עֵץ פְּרִי עֹשֶׂה פְּרִי
12 לְמִינוֹ אֲשֶׁר זַרְעוֹ־בוֹ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן׃ וַתּוֹצֵא
הָאָרֶץ דֶּשֶׁא עֵשֶׂב מַזְרִיעַ זֶרַע לְמִינֵהוּ וְעֵץ עֹשֶׂה־
פְּרִי אֲשֶׁר זַרְעוֹ־בוֹ לְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב׃
13 וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי׃ פ שני

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CHAP. I. 1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2. And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God was waving over the face of the waters. 3. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. 4. And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided between the light and the darkness. 5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And it was evening and it was morning, the first day.

6. And God said, Let there be an expansion in the midst of the waters, and let it divide between waters and waters. 7. And God made the expansion, and divided between the waters which were under the expansion and the waters which were above the expansion: and it was so. 8. And God called the expansion Heaven. And it was evening and it was morning, the second day.

9. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land be visible: and it was so. 10. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, herbs yielding seed, fruit-trees yielding fruit after their kind, in which its seed is upon the earth: and it was so. 12. And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees yielding fruit, in which its seed is after their kind: and God saw that it was good. 13. And it was evening and it was morning, the third day.*

[a] This word is the name of the weekly section, from the first word thereof, which is *Bereshith*, i. e. "In the beginning."—It must be understood that the whole law is divided into fifty-four sections, appointed to be read during the course of the year; so that each Sabbath one or

14 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי מְאֹרֹת בִּרְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם
לְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין הַלָּיְלָה וְהָיוּ לְאֹתֹת
15 וּלְמוֹעֲדִים וּלְיָמִים וְשָׁנִים : וְהָיוּ לִמְאוֹרֹת
בִּרְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהָאִיר עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן :
16 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־שְׁנֵי הַמְּאֹרֹת הַגְּדֹלִים אֶת־
הַמָּאוֹר הַגָּדֹל לְמֶמְשֶׁלֶת הַיּוֹם וְאֶת־הַמָּאוֹר
17 הַקָּטֹן לְמֶמְשֶׁלֶת הַלַּיְלָה וְאֵת הַכּוֹכָבִים : וַיִּתֵּן
אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים בִּרְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמָיִם לְהָאִיר עַל־
18 הָאָרֶץ : וְלִמְשֹׁל בַּיּוֹם וּבַלַּיְלָה וּלְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין
19 הָאוֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב : וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב
וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם רְבִיעִי : פ
20 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִשְׁרְצוּ הַמַּיִם שֶׁרֶץ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה
וְעוֹף יְעוֹפֵף עַל־הָאָרֶץ עַל־פְּנֵי רְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמָיִם :
21 וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַתַּנִּינִם הַגְּדֹלִים וְאֵת כָּל־
נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה ׀ הָרֹמֶשֶׂת אֲשֶׁר שָׁרְצוּ הַמַּיִם לְמִינֵהֶם
וְאֵת כָּל־עוֹף כָּנָף לְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב :
22 וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמִלְאוּ
23 אֶת־הַמַּיִם בַּיַּמִּים וְהָעוֹף יִרֶב בָּאָרֶץ : וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב
וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם חֲמִישִׁי : פ שלישי
24 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה לְמִינָהּ
בְּהֵמָה וָרֶמֶשׂ וְחַיְתוֹ־אֶרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וַיְהִי־כֵן :

14. And God said, Let there be lights in the expansion[a]
of the heaven to divide between the day and the night; and
let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and
years; 15. And let them be for lights in the expansion of
the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
16. And God made the two great lights; the greater light
to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; and
the stars. 17. And God set them in the expansion of the
heaven to give light upon the earth, 18. And to rule by
day and by night, and to divide between the light and the
darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19. And it
was evening and it was morning, the fourth day.

20. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly
moving creatures that have life, and fowl that may fly
above the earth in the open expansion of heaven. 21.
And God created the great sea-monsters,[b] and every living
creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth
abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after
its kind: and God saw that it was good. 22. And God
blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the
waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply on the earth.
23. And it was evening and it was morning, the fifth day.*

24. And God said, Let the earth bring forth living crea-
tures after their kind, cattle, and creeping things, and
beasts of the earth after their kind: and it was so. 25. And

two conjointly are read. Each of these sections bears a name derived from the *first* distinctive word thereof, and this will be found indicated on the right side of the head line in this edition.

[a] I have preferred this term to the usual translations, because it expresses more correctly the idea of the Hebrew word from רקע to *expand*, therefore the expansion of the atmosphere, not the fixed vault of the skies.

[b] Meaning, all the greater animals that inhabit the seas, in contradistinction to the smaller creatures afterwards described.

25 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וְאֶת־הַבְּהֵמָה
לְמִינָהּ וְאֵת כָּל־רֶמֶשׂ הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרְא
26 אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם
בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כִּדְמוּתֵנוּ וְיִרְדּוּ בִדְגַת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף
הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הָרֶמֶשׂ
27 הָרֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים ׀ אֶת־הָאָדָם
בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה
28 בָּרָא אֹתָם׃ וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם
אֱלֹהִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמִלְאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וְכִבְשֻׁהָ
וּרְדוּ בִּדְגַת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבְכָל־חַיָּה
29 הָרֹמֶשֶׂת עַל־הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים הִנֵּה נָתַתִּי
לָכֶם אֶת־כָּל־עֵשֶׂב ׀ זֹרֵעַ זֶרַע אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־
הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת־כָּל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ פְרִי־עֵץ זֹרֵעַ זָרַע
30 לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאָכְלָה׃ וּלְכָל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ וּלְכָל־עוֹף
הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְכֹל ׀ רוֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ נֶפֶשׁ
31 חַיָּה אֶת־כָּל־יֶרֶק עֵשֶׂב לְאָכְלָה וַיְהִי־כֵן׃ וַיַּרְא
אֱלֹהִים אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהִנֵּה־טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי־
ב עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם הַשִּׁשִּׁי׃ פ
1 2 וַיְכֻלּוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל־צְבָאָם׃ וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים
בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּשְׁבֹּת
בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה׃

God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind: and God saw that it was good. 26. And God said, Let us[a] make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heaven, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27. So God created man in his image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heaven, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29. And God said, Behold I have given unto you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree on which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food. 30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the heaven, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food: and it was so. 31. And God saw[b] every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And it was evening and it was morning, the sixth day.

CHAP. II. 1. Thus were the heavens and the earth finished, and all their host. 2. And God had finished on the seventh day his work which he had made,

[a] This phrase is employed here, as in other places, to express the purpose of the Deity to effect his will. This construction is called "the plural of majesty."

[b] "Looked over;" meaning, that when all had been completed the Creator, so to say, cast his view over all, and then saw that there was nothing defective in the whole system of outward nature, produced by his creative power.

3 וַיְבָ֤רֶךְ אֱלֹהִים֙ אֶת־י֣וֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִ֔י וַיְקַדֵּ֖שׁ אֹת֑וֹ
כִּ֣י ב֤וֹ שָׁבַת֙ מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּ֔וֹ אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָ֥א אֱלֹהִ֖ים
לַעֲשֽׂוֹת׃ פ רביעי (ולספרדים שני)
4 אֵ֣לֶּה תוֹלְד֧וֹת הַשָּׁמַ֛יִם וְהָאָ֖רֶץ בְּהִבָּֽרְאָ֑ם* בְּי֗וֹם
5 עֲשׂ֛וֹת יְהוָ֥ה אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶ֥רֶץ וְשָׁמָֽיִם׃ וְכֹ֣ל ׀ שִׂ֣יחַ
הַשָּׂדֶ֗ה טֶ֚רֶם יִֽהְיֶ֣ה בָאָ֔רֶץ וְכָל־עֵ֥שֶׂב הַשָּׂדֶ֖ה טֶ֣רֶם
יִצְמָ֑ח כִּי֩ לֹ֨א הִמְטִ֜יר יְהוָ֤ה אֱלֹהִים֙ עַל־הָאָ֔רֶץ
6 וְאָדָ֣ם אַ֔יִן לַֽעֲבֹ֖ד אֶת־הָֽאֲדָמָֽה׃ וְאֵ֖ד יַעֲלֶ֣ה מִן־
7 הָאָ֑רֶץ וְהִשְׁקָ֖ה אֶֽת־כָּל־פְּנֵֽי־הָֽאֲדָמָֽה׃ וַיִּ֩יצֶר֩ יְהוָ֨ה
אֱלֹהִ֜ים אֶת־הָֽאָדָ֗ם עָפָר֙ מִן־הָ֣אֲדָמָ֔ה וַיִּפַּ֥ח בְּאַפָּ֖יו
8 נִשְׁמַ֣ת חַיִּ֑ים וַֽיְהִ֥י הָֽאָדָ֖ם לְנֶ֥פֶשׁ חַיָּֽה׃ וַיִּטַּ֞ע יְהוָ֧ה
אֱלֹהִ֛ים גַּן־בְּעֵ֖דֶן מִקֶּ֑דֶם וַיָּ֣שֶׂם שָׁ֔ם אֶת־הָֽאָדָ֖ם
9 אֲשֶׁ֥ר יָצָֽר׃ וַיַּצְמַ֞ח יְהוָ֤ה אֱלֹהִים֙ מִן־הָ֣אֲדָמָ֔ה
כָּל־עֵ֛ץ נֶחְמָ֥ד לְמַרְאֶ֖ה וְט֣וֹב לְמַאֲכָ֑ל וְעֵ֤ץ הַֽחַיִּים֙
10 בְּת֣וֹךְ הַגָּ֔ן וְעֵ֕ץ הַדַּ֖עַת ט֥וֹב וָרָֽע׃ וְנָהָר֙ יֹצֵ֣א מֵעֵ֔דֶן
לְהַשְׁק֖וֹת אֶת־הַגָּ֑ן וּמִשָּׁם֙ יִפָּרֵ֔ד וְהָיָ֖ה לְאַרְבָּעָ֥ה
11 רָאשִֽׁים׃ שֵׁ֥ם הָֽאֶחָ֖ד פִּישׁ֑וֹן ה֣וּא הַסֹּבֵ֗ב אֵ֚ת כָּל־
12 אֶ֣רֶץ הַֽחֲוִילָ֔ה אֲשֶׁר־שָׁ֖ם הַזָּהָֽב׃ וּֽזֲהַ֛ב הָאָ֥רֶץ
13 הַהִ֖וא ט֑וֹב שָׁ֥ם הַבְּדֹ֖לַח וְאֶ֥בֶן הַשֹּֽׁהַם׃ וְשֵֽׁם־הַנָּהָ֥ר
14 הַשֵּׁנִ֖י גִּיח֑וֹן ה֣וּא הַסּוֹבֵ֔ב אֵ֖ת כָּל־אֶ֥רֶץ כּֽוּשׁ׃ וְשֵׁ֨ם
הַנָּהָ֤ר הַשְּׁלִישִׁי֙ חִדֶּ֔קֶל ה֥וּא הַֽהֹלֵ֖ךְ קִדְמַ֣ת אַשּׁ֑וּר

* ה זעירא

and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because thereon he had rested from all his work which God had created in order to make it.*

4. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, on the day that the Lord[a] God made earth and heaven. 5. And every plant of the field was not yet on the earth, and every herb of the field had not yet grown; for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and man was not yet there to till the ground. 6. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 7. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul. 8. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden to the eastward, and he put there the man whom he had formed. 9. And the Lord God caused to grow out of the ground every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; and the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. 10. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from thence it was parted, and became into four principal streams. 11. The name of the first is Pishon, the same which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; 12. And the gold of that land is good; there is bdellium and the onyx stone. 13. And the name of the second river is Gihon, the same which compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. 14. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel, the same which floweth towards the east of Assyria;

[a] The proper signification of this word is *the Eternal*, which term will be used when absolutely required, but generally the usual word will be employed; but its proper sense will be indicated as is customary in all the English Bibles by printing it in what is technically called SMALL CAPITALS.

15 וְהַנָּהָר הָרְבִיעִי הוּא פְרָת׃ וַיִּקַּח יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים
אֶת־הָאָדָם וַיַּנִּחֵהוּ בְגַן־עֵדֶן לְעָבְדָהּ וּלְשָׁמְרָהּ׃
16 וַיְצַו יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָאָדָם לֵאמֹר מִכֹּל עֵץ־
17 הַגָּן אָכֹל תֹּאכֵל׃ וּמֵעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וָרָע לֹא
תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי בְּיוֹם אֲכָלְךָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת׃
18 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לֹא־טוֹב הֱיוֹת הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ
19 אֶעֱשֶׂה־לּוֹ עֵזֶר כְּנֶגְדּוֹ׃ * וַיִּצֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים
מִן־הָאֲדָמָה כָּל־חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה וְאֵת כָּל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם
וַיָּבֵא אֶל־הָאָדָם לִרְאוֹת מַה־יִּקְרָא־לוֹ וְכֹל
אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָא־לוֹ הָאָדָם נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה הוּא שְׁמוֹ׃
20 וַיִּקְרָא הָאָדָם שֵׁמוֹת לְכָל־הַבְּהֵמָה וּלְעוֹף
הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְכֹל חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה וּלְאָדָם לֹא־מָצָא עֵזֶר
21 כְּנֶגְדּוֹ׃ וַיַּפֵּל יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים ׀ תַּרְדֵּמָה עַל־הָאָדָם
וַיִּישָׁן וַיִּקַּח אַחַת מִצַּלְעֹתָיו וַיִּסְגֹּר בָּשָׂר תַּחְתֶּנָּה׃
22 וַיִּבֶן יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים ׀ אֶת־הַצֵּלָע אֲשֶׁר־לָקַח מִן־
23 הָאָדָם לְאִשָּׁה וַיְבִאֶהָ אֶל־הָאָדָם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר הָאָדָם
זֹאת הַפַּעַם עֶצֶם מֵעֲצָמַי וּבָשָׂר מִבְּשָׂרִי לְזֹאת
24 יִקָּרֵא אִשָּׁה כִּי מֵאִישׁ לֻקֳחָה־זֹּאת׃ עַל־כֵּן יַעֲזָב־
אִישׁ אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֶת־אִמּוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׁתּוֹ וְהָיוּ
25 לְבָשָׂר אֶחָד׃ וַיִּהְיוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם עֲרוּמִּים הָאָדָם וְאִשְׁתּוֹ
ג 1 וְלֹא יִתְבֹּשָׁשׁוּ׃ וְהַנָּחָשׁ הָיָה עָרוּם מִכֹּל חַיַּת

* שלישי לספ׳

and the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to till it, and keep it. 16. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; 17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for on the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. 18. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.* 19. And the Lord God formed out of the ground every beast of the field, and every fowl of the heaven, and brought them unto the man to see what he would call them; and whatsoever the man would call every living creature, that should be its name. 20. And the man gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of heaven, and to every beast of the field; but for man there was not found a help meet for him. 21. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof. 22. And the Lord God formed[a] the rib which he had taken from man into a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23. And the man said, This time[b] it is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; this shall be called Woman, (Ishah,) because out of Man (Ish) was this one taken. 24. Therefore doth[c] a man leave his father and his mother, and cleave unto his wife, and they become one flesh. 25. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

CHAP. III.

1. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the

[a] Hebrew, "built."

[b] In opposition to the other animals named before, they being unlike man, consequently not like the woman, bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.

[c] The Hebrew future employed in the text represents not a command, but the habit; and in this manner, the future tense is frequently used, where constant practice or habit is alluded to.

הַשָּׂדֶ֔ה אֲשֶׁ֥ר עָשָׂ֖ה יְהוָ֣ה אֱלֹהִ֑ים וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ אֶל־
הָ֣אִשָּׁ֔ה אַ֚ף כִּֽי־אָמַ֣ר אֱלֹהִ֔ים לֹ֣א תֹֽאכְל֔וּ מִכֹּ֖ל
2 עֵ֥ץ הַגָּֽן׃ וַתֹּ֥אמֶר הָֽאִשָּׁ֖ה אֶל־הַנָּחָ֑שׁ מִפְּרִ֥י עֵֽץ־הַגָּ֖ן
3 נֹאכֵֽל׃ וּמִפְּרִ֣י הָעֵץ֮ אֲשֶׁ֣ר בְּתוֹךְ־הַגָּן֒ אָמַ֣ר אֱלֹהִ֗ים
4 לֹ֤א תֹֽאכְלוּ֙ מִמֶּ֔נּוּ וְלֹ֥א תִגְּע֖וּ בּ֑וֹ פֶּן תְּמֻתֽוּן׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר
5 הַנָּחָ֖שׁ אֶל־הָֽאִשָּׁ֑ה לֹֽא־מ֖וֹת תְּמֻתֽוּן׃ כִּ֚י יֹדֵ֣עַ אֱלֹהִ֔ים
כִּ֗י בְּיוֹם֙ אֲכָלְכֶ֣ם מִמֶּ֔נּוּ וְנִפְקְח֖וּ עֵֽינֵיכֶ֑ם וִהְיִיתֶם֙
6 כֵּֽאלֹהִ֔ים יֹדְעֵ֖י ט֥וֹב וָרָֽע׃ וַתֵּ֣רֶא הָֽאִשָּׁ֡ה כִּ֣י טוֹב֩
הָעֵ֨ץ לְמַאֲכָ֜ל וְכִ֧י תַֽאֲוָה־ה֣וּא לָעֵינַ֗יִם וְנֶחְמָ֤ד הָעֵץ֙
לְהַשְׂכִּ֔יל וַתִּקַּ֥ח מִפִּרְי֖וֹ וַתֹּאכַ֑ל וַתִּתֵּ֧ן גַּם־לְאִישָׁ֛הּ
7 עִמָּ֖הּ וַיֹּאכַֽל׃ וַתִּפָּקַ֙חְנָה֙ עֵינֵ֣י שְׁנֵיהֶ֔ם וַיֵּ֣דְע֔וּ כִּ֥י
עֵֽירֻמִּ֖ם הֵ֑ם וַֽיִּתְפְּרוּ֙ עֲלֵ֣ה תְאֵנָ֔ה וַיַּעֲשׂ֥וּ לָהֶ֖ם חֲגֹרֹֽת׃
8 וַֽיִּשְׁמְע֞וּ אֶת־ק֨וֹל יְהוָ֧ה אֱלֹהִ֛ים מִתְהַלֵּ֥ךְ בַּגָּ֖ן לְר֣וּחַ
הַיּ֑וֹם וַיִּתְחַבֵּ֨א הָֽאָדָ֜ם וְאִשְׁתּ֗וֹ מִפְּנֵי֙ יְהוָ֣ה אֱלֹהִ֔ים
9 בְּת֖וֹךְ עֵ֥ץ הַגָּֽן׃ וַיִּקְרָ֛א יְהוָ֥ה אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶל־הָֽאָדָ֑ם
10 וַיֹּ֥אמֶר ל֖וֹ אַיֶּֽכָּה׃ וַיֹּ֕אמֶר אֶת־קֹלְךָ֖ שָׁמַ֣עְתִּי בַּגָּ֑ן
11 וָאִירָ֛א כִּֽי־עֵירֹ֥ם אָנֹ֖כִי וָאֵחָבֵֽא׃ וַיֹּ֕אמֶר מִ֚י הִגִּ֣יד
לְךָ֔ כִּ֥י עֵירֹ֖ם אָ֑תָּה הֲמִן־הָעֵ֗ץ אֲשֶׁ֧ר צִוִּיתִ֛יךָ
12 לְבִלְתִּ֥י אֲכָל־מִמֶּ֖נּוּ אָכָֽלְתָּ׃ וַיֹּ֖אמֶר הָֽאָדָ֑ם הָֽאִשָּׁה֙
אֲשֶׁ֣ר נָתַ֣תָּה עִמָּדִ֔י הִ֛וא נָֽתְנָה־לִּ֥י מִן־הָעֵ֖ץ וָאֹכֵֽל׃
13 וַיֹּ֨אמֶר יְהוָ֧ה אֱלֹהִ֛ים לָאִשָּׁ֖ה מַה־זֹּ֣את עָשִׂ֑ית

field which the LORD God had made; and he said unto the woman, Hath God indeed said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch[a] it, lest ye die. 4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye will surely not die; 5. For God doth know, that, on the day ye eat thereof, your eyes will be opened, and ye will be as God, knowing good and evil. 6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to contemplate, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. 7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they felt that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9. And the LORD God called unto the man, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I am naked; and I hid myself. 11. And he said, Who told thee that thou art naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The

[a] Danger of adding to the commandment; God had not ordained not to touch the tree, only not to eat the fruit, hence she was less able to withstand the cunning of the serpent.

14 וַתֹּאמֶר הָאִשָּׁה הַנָּחָשׁ הִשִּׁיאַנִי וָאֹכֵל׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים ׀ אֶל־הַנָּחָשׁ כִּי עָשִׂיתָ זֹּאת אָרוּר
אַתָּה מִכָּל־הַבְּהֵמָה וּמִכֹּל חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה עַל־
15 גְּחֹנְךָ תֵלֵךְ וְעָפָר תֹּאכַל כָּל־יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ׃ וְאֵיבָה ׀
אָשִׁית בֵּינְךָ וּבֵין הָאִשָּׁה וּבֵין זַרְעֲךָ וּבֵין
זַרְעָהּ הוּא יְשׁוּפְךָ רֹאשׁ וְאַתָּה תְּשׁוּפֶנּוּ
16 עָקֵב׃ ס אֶל־הָאִשָּׁה אָמַר
הַרְבָּה אַרְבֶּה עִצְּבוֹנֵךְ וְהֵרֹנֵךְ בְּעֶצֶב תֵּלְדִי
בָנִים וְאֶל־אִישֵׁךְ תְּשׁוּקָתֵךְ וְהוּא יִמְשָׁל־
17 בָּךְ׃ ס וּלְאָדָם אָמַר כִּי שָׁמַעְתָּ
לְקוֹל אִשְׁתֶּךָ וַתֹּאכַל מִן־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ
לֵאמֹר לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ אֲרוּרָה הָאֲדָמָה בַּעֲבוּרֶךָ
18 בְּעִצָּבוֹן תֹּאכְלֶנָּה כֹּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ׃ וְקוֹץ וְדַרְדַּר
19 תַּצְמִיחַ לָךְ וְאָכַלְתָּ אֶת־עֵשֶׂב הַשָּׂדֶה׃ בְּזֵעַת
אַפֶּיךָ תֹּאכַל לֶחֶם עַד שׁוּבְךָ אֶל־הָאֲדָמָה
כִּי מִמֶּנָּה לֻקָּחְתָּ כִּי־עָפָר אַתָּה וְאֶל־עָפָר תָּשׁוּב׃
20 וַיִּקְרָא הָאָדָם שֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ חַוָּה כִּי הִוא הָיְתָה
21 אֵם כָּל־חָי׃ וַיַּעַשׂ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לְאָדָם וּלְאִשְׁתּוֹ
כָּתְנוֹת עוֹר וַיַּלְבִּשֵׁם׃ פ חמישי (רביעי לספרדים)
22 וַיֹּאמֶר ׀ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים הֵן הָאָדָם הָיָה כְּאַחַד
מִמֶּנּוּ לָדַעַת טוֹב וָרָע וְעַתָּה ׀ פֶּן־יִשְׁלַח יָדוֹ

serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. 14. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, be thou cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt wound his heel.

16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and (the suffering of) thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children: and to thy husband shall be thy desire, and he shall rule over thee.

17. And unto Adam[a] he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed be the ground for thy sake; in pain shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. 18. And thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herbs of the field.[b] 19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground, for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. 20. And the man called his wife's name Eve,[c] (Chavvah) because she was the mother of all living. 21. And the Lord God made unto Adam and to his wife coats of skins, and clothed them.*

22. And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat,

[a] Adam signifies "man," one taken from the ground, Adam, man, being derived from Adamah, ground.

[b] The curse was directed to Adam, that he should be compelled to obtain his food by constant toil, whereas before sinning, only slight exertions were required to gather what grew spontaneously from the ground.

[c] Signifying "living."

וְלָקַח גַּם מֵעֵץ הַחַיִּים וְאָכַל וָחַי לְעֹלָם׃
23 וַיְשַׁלְּחֵהוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִגַּן־עֵדֶן לַעֲבֹד אֶת־
24 הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר לֻקַּח מִשָּׁם׃ וַיְגָרֶשׁ אֶת־הָאָדָם
וַיַּשְׁכֵּן מִקֶּדֶם לְגַן־עֵדֶן אֶת־הַכְּרֻבִים וְאֵת
לַהַט הַחֶרֶב הַמִּתְהַפֶּכֶת לִשְׁמֹר אֶת־דֶּרֶךְ עֵץ ד
1 הַחַיִּים׃ ס וְהָאָדָם יָדַע אֶת־חַוָּה
אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד אֶת־קַיִן וַתֹּאמֶר קָנִיתִי
2 אִישׁ אֶת־יְהוָה׃ וַתֹּסֶף לָלֶדֶת אֶת־אָחִיו אֶת־
הָבֶל וַיְהִי־הֶבֶל רֹעֵה צֹאן וְקַיִן הָיָה עֹבֵד אֲדָמָה׃
3 וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ יָמִים וַיָּבֵא קַיִן מִפְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה מִנְחָה
4 לַיהוָה׃ וְהֶבֶל הֵבִיא גַם־הוּא מִבְּכֹרוֹת צֹאנוֹ
וּמֵחֶלְבֵהֶן וַיִּשַׁע יְהוָה אֶל־הֶבֶל וְאֶל־מִנְחָתוֹ׃
5 וְאֶל־קַיִן וְאֶל־מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה וַיִּחַר לְקַיִן מְאֹד
6 וַיִּפְּלוּ פָּנָיו׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־קָיִן לָמָּה חָרָה לָךְ
7 וְלָמָּה נָפְלוּ פָנֶיךָ׃ הֲלוֹא אִם־תֵּיטִיב שְׂאֵת וְאִם
לֹא תֵיטִיב לַפֶּתַח חַטָּאת רֹבֵץ וְאֵלֶיךָ תְּשׁוּקָתוֹ
8 וְאַתָּה תִּמְשָׁל־בּוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר קַיִן אֶל־הֶבֶל אָחִיו
וַיְהִי בִּהְיוֹתָם בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיָּקָם קַיִן אֶל־הֶבֶל אָחִיו
9 וַיַּהַרְגֵהוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־קַיִן אֵי הֶבֶל אָחִיךָ
10 וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יָדַעְתִּי הֲשֹׁמֵר אָחִי אָנֹכִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר מֶה
עָשִׂיתָ קוֹל דְּמֵי אָחִיךָ צֹעֲקִים אֵלַי מִן־הָאֲדָמָה׃

and live for ever.[a] 23. Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24. So he drove out the man, and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flaming sword which revolves, to guard the way to the tree of life.

CHAP. IV. 1. And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. 2. And she bore again, his brother, Abel; and Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3. And it came to pass in process of time, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. 4. And Abel—he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fattest thereof; and the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; 5. But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect; and it was very displeasing to Cain, and his countenance fell. 6. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen. 7. If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door, and unto thee is its desire, and thou shalt rule over it. 8. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not; am I my brother's keeper? 10. And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11. And now be thou

[a] Evidently an elliptical sentence; meaning, that since man might partake of the fruit of the tree of life should he remain in Eden, it was the intention of the Deity to banish him, which banishment is then recorded in the next verses.

11 וְעַתָּה אָרוּר אָתָּה מִן־הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר פָּצְתָה אֶת־
12 פִּיהָ לָקַחַת אֶת־דְּמֵי אָחִיךָ מִיָּדֶךָ׃ כִּי תַעֲבֹד אֶת־
הָאֲדָמָה לֹא־תֹסֵף תֵּת־כֹּחָהּ לָךְ נָע וָנָד תִּהְיֶה
13 בָאָרֶץ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר קַיִן אֶל־יְהוָה גָּדוֹל עֲוֺנִי מִנְּשֹׂא׃
14 הֵן גֵּרַשְׁתָּ אֹתִי הַיּוֹם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה וּמִפָּנֶיךָ
אֶסָּתֵר וְהָיִיתִי נָע וָנָד בָּאָרֶץ וְהָיָה כָל־מֹצְאִי
15 יַהַרְגֵנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יְהוָה לָכֵן כָּל־הֹרֵג קַיִן שִׁבְעָתַיִם
יֻקָּם וַיָּשֶׂם יְהוָה לְקַיִן אוֹת לְבִלְתִּי הַכּוֹת־אֹתוֹ כָּל־
16 מֹצְאוֹ׃ וַיֵּצֵא קַיִן מִלִּפְנֵי יְהוָה וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּאֶרֶץ־נוֹד
17 קִדְמַת־עֵדֶן׃ וַיֵּדַע קַיִן אֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד אֶת־
חֲנוֹךְ וַיְהִי בֹּנֶה עִיר וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם הָעִיר כְּשֵׁם בְּנוֹ
18 חֲנוֹךְ׃ וַיִּוָּלֵד לַחֲנוֹךְ אֶת־עִירָד וְעִירָד יָלַד אֶת־
מְחוּיָאֵל וּמְחִיָּיאֵל יָלַד אֶת־מְתוּשָׁאֵל וּמְתוּשָׁאֵל
19 יָלַד אֶת־לָמֶךְ׃ * וַיִּקַּח־לוֹ לֶמֶךְ שְׁתֵּי נָשִׁים שֵׁם
20 הָאַחַת עָדָה וְשֵׁם הַשֵּׁנִית צִלָּה׃ וַתֵּלֶד עָדָה אֶת־
21 יָבָל הוּא הָיָה אֲבִי יֹשֵׁב אֹהֶל וּמִקְנֶה׃ וְשֵׁם אָחִיו
22 יוּבָל הוּא הָיָה אֲבִי כָּל־תֹּפֵשׂ כִּנּוֹר וְעוּגָב׃ וְצִלָּה
גַם־הִוא יָלְדָה אֶת־תּוּבַל קַיִן לֹטֵשׁ כָּל־חֹרֵשׁ
23 נְחֹשֶׁת וּבַרְזֶל וַאֲחוֹת תּוּבַל־קַיִן נַעֲמָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
לֶמֶךְ לְנָשָׁיו עָדָה וְצִלָּה שְׁמַעַן קוֹלִי נְשֵׁי לֶמֶךְ הַאְזֵנָּה
24 אִמְרָתִי כִּי אִישׁ הָרַגְתִּי לְפִצְעִי וְיֶלֶד לְחַבֻּרָתִי׃ כִּי

* חמישי לכפ׳

cursed from the ground, which hath opened its mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand: 12. When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee its strength; fugitive and vagabond shalt thou be on the earth. 13. And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the ground; and from thy face[a] shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and vagabond on the earth: and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me will slay me. 15. And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold. And the LORD set a sign unto Cain, that any one finding him should not kill him. 16. And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. 17. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived, and bore Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch. 18. And unto Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begat Mehujael; and Mehijael begat Methusael; and Methusael begat Lemech.* 19. And Lemech took unto him two wives, the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20. And Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. 21. And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all such as play on the harp and guitar. 22. And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, an artificer in every article of brass and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. 23. And Lemech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lemech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. 24. If Cain shall be avenged seven-fold, truly

[a] *i. e.* Thy protection will be withdrawn.

25 שִׁבְעָתַיִם יֻקַּם־קָיִן וְלֶמֶךְ שִׁבְעִים וְשִׁבְעָה׃ וַיֵּדַע
אָדָם עוֹד אֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן וַתִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ
שֵׁת כִּי שָׁת־לִי אֱלֹהִים זֶרַע אַחֵר תַּחַת הֶבֶל כִּי
26 הֲרָגוֹ קָיִן׃ וּלְשֵׁת גַּם־הוּא יֻלַּד־בֵּן וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ
ה 1 אֱנוֹשׁ אָז הוּחַל לִקְרֹא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה׃ ס ששי זֶה
סֵפֶר תּוֹלְדֹת אָדָם בְּיוֹם בְּרֹא אֱלֹהִים אָדָם בִּדְמוּת
2 אֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה אֹתוֹ׃ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בְּרָאָם וַיְבָרֶךְ
אֹתָם וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמָם אָדָם בְּיוֹם הִבָּרְאָם׃
3 וַיְחִי אָדָם שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמְאַת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בִּדְמוּתוֹ
4 כְּצַלְמוֹ וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ שֵׁת׃ וַיִּהְיוּ יְמֵי־אָדָם אַחֲרֵי
הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־שֵׁת שְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים
5 וּבָנוֹת׃ וַיִּהְיוּ כָּל־יְמֵי אָדָם אֲשֶׁר־חַי תְּשַׁע מֵאוֹת
6 שָׁנָה וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיָּמֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי־
שֵׁת חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וּמְאַת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־אֱנוֹשׁ׃
7 וַיְחִי־שֵׁת אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־אֱנוֹשׁ שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים
8 וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת׃ וַיִּהְיוּ כָּל־
יְמֵי־שֵׁת שְׁתֵּים עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה וּתְשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה
9 וַיָּמֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי אֱנוֹשׁ תִּשְׁעִים
10 שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־קֵינָן׃ וַיְחִי אֱנוֹשׁ אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־
קֵינָן חֲמֵשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד
11 בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת׃ וַיִּהְיוּ כָּל־יְמֵי אֱנוֹשׁ חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים

Lemech seventy and seven-fold. 25. And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son, and called his name Sheth:[a] For God (said she) hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. 26. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh: then began men to call by[b] the name of the LORD.*

CHAP. V. 1. This is the book of the generations of Adam. On the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him: 2. Male and female created he them;[c] and blessed them, and called their name Adam, on the day when they were created. 3. And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his likeness, after his image; and called his name Sheth. 4. And the days of Adam after he had begotten Sheth were eight hundred years; and he begat sons and daughters. 5. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

6. And Sheth lived a hundred and five years, and begat Enosh. 7. And Sheth lived after he begat Enosh eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters: 8. And all the days of Sheth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9. And Enosh lived ninety years, and begat Kenan. 10. And Enosh lived after he begat Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters. 11. And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

[a] From Shath, "he bestowed."

[b] Rashi explains, "to call men and idols by the name of God, to convert them into deities for worship," and he would thus place the commencement of idolatrous worship as early as the time of the grandson of Adam.

[c] In the sacred writing the change of persons from second to third,

12 וּתְשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי
13 קֵינָן שִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־מַהֲלַלְאֵל׃ וַיְחִי קֵינָן
אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־מַהֲלַלְאֵל אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה
14 וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת׃ וַיִּהְיוּ
כָּל־יְמֵי קֵינָן עֶשֶׂר שָׁנִים וּתְשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה
15 וַיָּמֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי מַהֲלַלְאֵל חָמֵשׁ
16 שָׁנִים וְשִׁשִּׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־יָרֶד׃ וַיְחִי מַהֲלַלְאֵל
אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־יֶרֶד שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאוֹת
17 שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת׃ וַיִּהְיוּ כָּל־יְמֵי מַהֲלַלְאֵל
חָמֵשׁ וְתִשְׁעִים שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה
18 וַיָּמֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי־יֶרֶד שְׁתַּיִם וְשִׁשִּׁים
19 שָׁנָה וּמְאַת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־חֲנוֹךְ׃ וַיְחִי־יֶרֶד אַחֲרֵי
הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת חֲנוֹךְ שְׁמֹנֶה מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים
20 וּבָנוֹת׃ וַיִּהְיוּ כָּל־יְמֵי־יֶרֶד שְׁתַּיִם וְשִׁשִּׁים שָׁנָה
21 וּתְשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי
חֲנוֹךְ חָמֵשׁ וְשִׁשִּׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־מְתוּשָׁלַח׃
22 וַיִּתְהַלֵּךְ חֲנוֹךְ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־
מְתוּשֶׁלַח שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת׃
23 וַיְהִי כָּל־יְמֵי חֲנוֹךְ חָמֵשׁ וְשִׁשִּׁים שָׁנָה וּשְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת
24 שָׁנָה׃ וַיִּתְהַלֵּךְ חֲנוֹךְ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֵינֶנּוּ כִּי־לָקַח
25 אֹתוֹ אֱלֹהִים׃ ס שביעי וַיְחִי מְתוּשֶׁלַח

12. And Kenan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalalel. 13. And Kenan lived after he begat Mahalalel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters. 14. And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15. And Mahalalel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared. 16. And Mahalalel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters. 17. And all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety and five years, and he died.

18. And Jared lived a hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch. 19. And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. 20. And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years, and he died.

21. And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methushelah. 22. And Enoch walked[a] with God after he begat Methushelah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. 23. And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years. 24. And Enoch walked with God, and he was no more; for God had taken him.

25. And Methushelah lived a hundred eighty and seven

and from singular to plural, and vice versa, is by no means a rare construction; but as there is always some reason easily apparent for this change, it will be preserved for the most part in this version.

[a] The term "walking with God," is employed to express a righteous course of life, as though the man of whom it is said, walked with and accompanied by the presence of his Maker. So is it said of Noah, "Noah walked with God." In other places it is called walking in the presence of God, as we read in the history of Abraham, "Walk before me and be perfect." So on the other hand, to act wickedly is termed "throwing God behind one's back." All these and many others, are figurative phrases used by the Hebrews to give a lively idea of what simple words fail to express as strongly and beautifully.

שֶׁ֤בַע וּשְׁמֹנִים֙ שָׁנָ֔ה וּמְאַ֖ת שָׁנָ֑ה וַיּ֖וֹלֶד אֶת־לָֽמֶךְ׃
26 וַיְחִ֣י מְתוּשֶׁ֗לַח אַחֲרֵי֙ הוֹלִיד֣וֹ אֶת־לֶ֔מֶךְ שְׁתַּ֤יִם
וּשְׁמוֹנִים֙ שָׁנָ֔ה וּשְׁבַ֥ע מֵא֖וֹת שָׁנָ֑ה וַיּ֥וֹלֶד בָּנִ֖ים
27 וּבָנֽוֹת׃ וַיִּֽהְיוּ֙ כָּל־יְמֵ֣י מְתוּשֶׁ֔לַח תֵּ֤שַׁע וְשִׁשִּׁים֙ שָׁנָ֔ה
28 וּתְשַׁ֥ע מֵא֖וֹת שָׁנָ֑ה וַיָּמֹֽת׃ ס וַֽיְחִי־
לֶ֕מֶךְ שְׁתַּ֧יִם וּשְׁמֹנִ֛ים שָׁנָ֖ה וּמְאַ֣ת שָׁנָ֑ה וַיּ֖וֹלֶד בֵּֽן׃
29 וַיִּקְרָ֧א אֶת־שְׁמ֛וֹ נֹ֖חַ לֵאמֹ֑ר זֶ֞ה יְנַחֲמֵ֣נוּ מִֽמַּעֲשֵׂ֗נוּ
וּמֵעִצְּב֣וֹן יָדֵ֔ינוּ מִן־הָ֣אֲדָמָ֔ה אֲשֶׁ֥ר אֵרְרָ֖הּ יְהוָֽה׃
30 וַֽיְחִי־לֶ֗מֶךְ אַחֲרֵי֙ הוֹלִיד֣וֹ אֶת־נֹ֔חַ חָמֵ֤שׁ וְתִשְׁעִים֙
31 שָׁנָ֔ה וַחֲמֵ֥שׁ מֵאֹ֖ת שָׁנָ֑ה וַיּ֥וֹלֶד בָּנִ֖ים וּבָנֽוֹת׃ וַֽיְהִי֙ כָּל־
יְמֵי־לֶ֔מֶךְ שֶׁ֤בַע וְשִׁבְעִים֙ שָׁנָ֔ה וּשְׁבַ֥ע מֵא֖וֹת שָׁנָ֑ה
32 וַיָּמֹֽת׃ ס וַֽיְהִי־נֹ֕חַ בֶּן־חֲמֵ֥שׁ מֵא֖וֹת
ו 1 שָׁנָ֑ה וַיּ֣וֹלֶד נֹ֔חַ אֶת־שֵׁ֖ם אֶת־חָ֥ם וְאֶת־יָֽפֶת׃ וַֽיְהִי֙ כִּֽי־
הֵחֵ֣ל הָֽאָדָ֔ם לָרֹ֖ב עַל־פְּנֵ֣י הָֽאֲדָמָ֑ה וּבָנ֖וֹת יֻלְּד֥וּ לָהֶֽם׃
2 וַיִּרְא֤וּ בְנֵי־הָֽאֱלֹהִים֙ אֶת־בְּנ֣וֹת הָֽאָדָ֔ם כִּ֥י טֹבֹ֖ת
3 הֵ֑נָּה וַיִּקְח֤וּ לָהֶם֙ נָשִׁ֔ים מִכֹּ֖ל אֲשֶׁ֥ר בָּחָֽרוּ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר
יְהוָ֗ה לֹֽא־יָד֨וֹן רוּחִ֤י בָֽאָדָם֙ לְעֹלָ֔ם בְּשַׁגַּ֖ם ה֣וּא בָשָׂ֑ר
4 וְהָי֣וּ יָמָ֔יו מֵאָ֥ה וְעֶשְׂרִ֖ים שָׁנָֽה׃ הַנְּפִלִ֞ים הָי֣וּ בָאָ֘רֶץ֮
בַּיָּמִ֣ים הָהֵ֗ם וְגַ֣ם אַֽחֲרֵי־כֵ֗ן אֲשֶׁ֨ר יָבֹ֜אוּ בְּנֵ֤י הָֽאֱלֹהִים֙
אֶל־בְּנ֣וֹת הָֽאָדָ֔ם וְיָלְד֖וּ לָהֶ֑ם הֵ֧מָּה הַגִּבֹּרִ֛ים
אֲשֶׁ֥ר מֵעוֹלָ֖ם אַנְשֵׁ֥י הַשֵּֽׁם׃ פ מפטיר

years, and begat Lemech. 26. And Methushelah lived after he begat Lemech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters. 27. And all the days of Methushelah were nine hundred sixty and nine years, and he died.

28. And Lemech lived a hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son; 29. And he called his name Noach, saying, This one shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed. 30. And Lemech lived after he begat Noach five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters. 31. And all the days of Lemech were seven hundred seventy and seven years, and he died.

CHAP. VI. 32. And Noach was five hundred years old, and Noach begat Shem, Ham, and Jepheth. 1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2. That the sons of God[a] saw the daughters of men, that they were fair; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose. 3. And the Lord said, My Spirit[b] shall not always strive for the sake of man, for that he is but flesh; yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. 4. There were giants on the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them; the same became the mighty men, who were of old men of renown.*

[a] "Sons of the chiefs."—Onkelos.

[b] "My Spirit cannot always rule in man,—in the strife of his passions he remains flesh,—and, therefore, shall his days be," &c. This is the new and bold version of Arnheim. Rashi, Onkelos, and Mendelssohn give "his days" the addition "of grace," meaning the punishment of the intended flood should be delayed one hundred and twenty years in hopes of man's repentance.

5 וַיַּרְא יְהוָה כִּי רַבָּה רָעַת הָאָדָם בָּאָרֶץ וְכָל־
6 יֵצֶר מַחְשְׁבֹת לִבּוֹ רַק רַע כָּל־הַיּוֹם׃ וַיִּנָּחֶם יְהוָה
כִּי־עָשָׂה אֶת־הָאָדָם בָּאָרֶץ וַיִּתְעַצֵּב אֶל־לִבּוֹ׃
7 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶמְחֶה אֶת־הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָאתִי
מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה מֵאָדָם עַד־בְּהֵמָה עַד־רֶמֶשׂ
8 וְעַד־עוֹף הַשָּׁמָיִם כִּי נִחַמְתִּי כִּי עֲשִׂיתִם׃ וְנֹחַ
מָצָא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה׃ פ
9 אֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת נֹחַ נֹחַ אִישׁ צַדִּיק תָּמִים הָיָה בְּדֹרֹתָיו
10 אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים הִתְהַלֶּךְ־נֹחַ׃ וַיּוֹלֶד נֹחַ שְׁלֹשָׁה בָנִים
11 אֶת־שֵׁם אֶת־חָם וְאֶת־יָפֶת׃ וַתִּשָּׁחֵת הָאָרֶץ לִפְנֵי
12 הָאֱלֹהִים וַתִּמָּלֵא הָאָרֶץ חָמָס׃ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־
הָאָרֶץ וְהִנֵּה נִשְׁחָתָה כִּי־הִשְׁחִית כָּל־בָּשָׂר אֶת־
13 דַּרְכּוֹ עַל־הָאָרֶץ׃ ס וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים לְנֹחַ קֵץ
כָּל־בָּשָׂר בָּא לְפָנַי כִּי־מָלְאָה הָאָרֶץ חָמָס מִפְּנֵיהֶם
14 וְהִנְנִי מַשְׁחִיתָם אֶת־הָאָרֶץ׃ עֲשֵׂה לְךָ תֵּבַת עֲצֵי־
גֹפֶר קִנִּים תַּעֲשֶׂה אֶת־הַתֵּבָה וְכָפַרְתָּ אֹתָהּ מִבַּיִת
15 וּמִחוּץ בַּכֹּפֶר׃ וְזֶה אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתָהּ שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת
אַמָּה אֹרֶךְ הַתֵּבָה חֲמִשִּׁים אַמָּה רָחְבָּהּ וּשְׁלֹשִׁים
16 אַמָּה קוֹמָתָהּ׃ צֹהַר תַּעֲשֶׂה לַתֵּבָה וְאֶל־אַמָּה תְּכַלֶּנָּה
מִלְמַעְלָה וּפֶתַח הַתֵּבָה בְּצִדָּהּ תָּשִׂים תַּחְתִּיִּם שְׁנִיִּם
17 וּשְׁלִשִׁים תַּעֲשֶׂהָ׃ וַאֲנִי הִנְנִי מֵבִיא אֶת־הַמַּבּוּל מַיִם

5. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6. And it repented[a] the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7. And the LORD said, I will destroy the man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping things and the fowls of the heaven; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8. But Noach found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

NOACH. 9. These are the generations of Noach: Noach was a just, perfect man in his generations; Noach walked with God. 10. And Noach begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Jepheth. 11. And the earth was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence. 12. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13. And God said unto Noach, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them, and I will destroy them with the earth. 14. Make thee an ark of gopher-wood, rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15. And this is the manner in which thou shalt make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and thou shalt finish it above, to be one cubit broad, and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. 17. And I, behold even I, will bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to

[a] This expression, otherwise not applicable to the Deity, who is no man that He should repent, is employed merely to convey to us in human language the action of God, for it is man's custom to repent of what he has made when he finds himself compelled to destroy it.

עַל־הָאָרֶץ לְשַׁחֵת כָּל־בָּשָׂר אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ רוּחַ חַיִּים מִתַּחַת
18 הַשָּׁמָיִם כֹּל אֲשֶׁר־בָּאָרֶץ יִגְוָע׃ וַהֲקִמֹתִי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי
אִתָּךְ וּבָאתָ אֶל־הַתֵּבָה אַתָּה וּבָנֶיךָ וְאִשְׁתְּךָ וּנְשֵׁי־
19 בָנֶיךָ אִתָּךְ׃ וּמִכָּל־הָחַי מִכָּל־בָּשָׂר שְׁנַיִם מִכֹּל תָּבִיא
20 אֶל־הַתֵּבָה לְהַחֲיֹת אִתָּךְ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה יִהְיוּ׃ מֵהָעוֹף
לְמִינֵהוּ וּמִן־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ מִכֹּל רֶמֶשׂ הָאֲדָמָה
21 לְמִינֵהוּ שְׁנַיִם מִכֹּל יָבֹאוּ אֵלֶיךָ לְהַחֲיוֹת׃ וְאַתָּה קַח־
לְךָ מִכָּל־מַאֲכָל אֲשֶׁר יֵאָכֵל וְאָסַפְתָּ אֵלֶיךָ וְהָיָה
22 לְךָ וְלָהֶם לְאָכְלָה׃ וַיַּעַשׂ נֹחַ כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֹתוֹ
1 אֱלֹהִים כֵּן עָשָׂה׃ * וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לְנֹחַ בֹּא־אַתָּה וְכָל־
בֵּיתְךָ אֶל־הַתֵּבָה כִּי־אֹתְךָ רָאִיתִי צַדִּיק לְפָנַי בַּדּוֹר
2 הַזֶּה׃ מִכֹּל ׀ הַבְּהֵמָה הַטְּהוֹרָה תִּקַּח־לְךָ שִׁבְעָה
שִׁבְעָה אִישׁ וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּמִן־הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא טְהֹרָה
3 הִוא שְׁנַיִם אִישׁ וְאִשְׁתּוֹ׃ גַּם מֵעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם שִׁבְעָה
4 שִׁבְעָה זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה לְחַיּוֹת זֶרַע עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ׃ כִּי
לְיָמִים עוֹד שִׁבְעָה אָנֹכִי מַמְטִיר עַל־הָאָרֶץ אַרְבָּעִים
יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לָיְלָה וּמָחִיתִי אֶת־כָּל־הַיְקוּם אֲשֶׁר
5 עָשִׂיתִי מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה׃ וַיַּעַשׂ נֹחַ כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּהוּ
6 יְהוָה׃ וְנֹחַ בֶּן־שֵׁשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וְהַמַּבּוּל הָיָה מַיִם
7 עַל־הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיָּבֹא נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּנְשֵׁי־בָנָיו אִתּוֹ
8 אֶל־הַתֵּבָה מִפְּנֵי מֵי הַמַּבּוּל׃ מִן־הַבְּהֵמָה הַטְּהוֹרָה

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destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; every thing that is on the earth[a] shall perish. 18. But I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee: they shall be male and female. 20. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. 21. And thou, take unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be unto thee, and unto them for food. 22. Thus did Noach; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.*

CHAP. VII.

1. And the Lord said unto Noach, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee seven pair of each, the male and his female; and of beasts that are not clean two pair, the male and his female. 3. Also of the fowls of the heaven, seven pair of each, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. 4. For after only seven days more, I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights: and I will blot out every living substance that I have made from off the face of the earth. 5. And Noach did all just as the Lord commanded him. 6. And Noach was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7. And Noach went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. 8. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not

[a] "On the earth," this would except the animals inhabiting the waters, and they would thus seem not to have been destroyed by the flood.

וּמִן־הַבְּהֵמָ֔ה אֲשֶׁ֥ר אֵינֶ֖נָּה טְהֹרָ֑ה וּמִ֨ן־הָע֔וֹף וְכֹ֥ל
9 אֲשֶׁר־רֹמֵ֖שׂ עַל־הָֽאֲדָמָֽה׃ שְׁנַ֨יִם שְׁנַ֜יִם בָּ֧אוּ אֶל־נֹ֛חַ אֶל־
10 הַתֵּבָ֖ה זָכָ֣ר וּנְקֵבָ֑ה כַּֽאֲשֶׁ֛ר צִוָּ֥ה אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶת־נֹֽחַ׃ וַיְהִ֖י
11 לְשִׁבְעַ֣ת הַיָּמִ֑ים וּמֵ֣י הַמַּבּ֔וּל הָי֖וּ עַל־הָאָֽרֶץ׃ בִּשְׁנַ֨ת
שֵׁשׁ־מֵא֤וֹת שָׁנָה֙ לְחַיֵּי־נֹ֔חַ בַּחֹ֙דֶשׁ֙ הַשֵּׁנִ֔י בְּשִׁבְעָֽה־
עָשָׂ֥ר י֖וֹם לַחֹ֑דֶשׁ בַּיּ֣וֹם הַזֶּ֗ה נִבְקְעוּ֙ כָּל־מַעְיְנֹת֙ תְּה֣וֹם
12 רַבָּ֔ה וַאֲרֻבֹּ֥ת הַשָּׁמַ֖יִם נִפְתָּֽחוּ׃ וַיְהִ֥י הַגֶּ֖שֶׁם עַל־הָאָ֑רֶץ
13 אַרְבָּעִ֣ים י֔וֹם וְאַרְבָּעִ֖ים לָֽיְלָה׃ בְּעֶ֨צֶם הַיּ֤וֹם הַזֶּה֙ בָּ֣א
נֹ֔חַ וְשֵׁם־וְחָ֥ם וָיֶ֖פֶת בְּנֵי־נֹ֑חַ וְאֵ֣שֶׁת נֹ֗חַ וּשְׁלֹ֧שֶׁת נְשֵֽׁי־
14 בָנָ֛יו אִתָּ֖ם אֶל־הַתֵּבָֽה׃ הֵ֜מָּה וְכָל־הַֽחַיָּ֣ה לְמִינָ֗הּ
וְכָל־הַבְּהֵמָה֙ לְמִינָ֔הּ וְכָל־הָרֶ֛מֶשׂ הָרֹמֵ֥שׂ עַל־הָאָ֖רֶץ
15 לְמִינֵ֑הוּ וְכָל־הָע֣וֹף לְמִינֵ֔הוּ כֹּ֖ל צִפּ֥וֹר כָּל־כָּנָֽף׃ וַיָּבֹ֥אוּ
אֶל־נֹ֖חַ אֶל־הַתֵּבָ֑ה שְׁנַ֤יִם שְׁנַ֙יִם֙ מִכָּל־הַבָּשָׂ֔ר אֲשֶׁר־
16 בּ֖וֹ ר֥וּחַ חַיִּֽים׃ וְהַבָּאִ֗ים זָכָ֨ר וּנְקֵבָ֤ה מִכָּל־בָּשָׂר֙ בָּ֔אוּ
17 כַּאֲשֶׁ֛ר צִוָּ֥ה אֹת֖וֹ אֱלֹהִ֑ים וַיִּסְגֹּ֥ר יְהוָ֖ה בַּעֲדֽוֹ׃ * וַיְהִ֧י
הַמַּבּ֛וּל אַרְבָּעִ֥ים י֖וֹם עַל־הָאָ֑רֶץ וַיִּרְבּ֣וּ הַמַּ֗יִם וַיִּשְׂאוּ֙
18 אֶת־הַתֵּבָ֔ה וַתָּ֖רָם מֵעַ֥ל הָאָֽרֶץ׃ וַיִּגְבְּר֥וּ הַמַּ֛יִם וַיִּרְבּ֥וּ
19 מְאֹ֖ד עַל־הָאָ֑רֶץ וַתֵּ֥לֶךְ הַתֵּבָ֖ה עַל־פְּנֵ֥י הַמָּֽיִם׃ וְהַמַּ֗יִם
גָּ֥בְר֛וּ מְאֹ֥ד מְאֹ֖ד עַל־הָאָ֑רֶץ וַיְכֻסּ֗וּ כָּל־הֶֽהָרִים֙
20 הַגְּבֹהִ֔ים אֲשֶׁר־תַּ֖חַת כָּל־הַשָּׁמָֽיִם׃ חֲמֵ֨שׁ עֶשְׂרֵ֤ה
21 אַמָּה֙ מִלְמַ֔עְלָה גָּבְר֖וּ הַמָּ֑יִם וַיְכֻסּ֖וּ הֶהָרִֽים׃ וַיִּגְוַ֞ע

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clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, 9. There went in two pair of each unto Noach into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noach. 10. And it came to pass, after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. 11. In the six hundredth year of Noach's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on this same day, were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows[a] of heaven were opened. 12. And the rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. 13. On that self-same day entered Noach, and Shem, and Ham, and Jepheth, the sons of Noach, and Noach's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; 14. They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird, every thing that has wings. 15. And they went in unto Noach into the ark, two pair of each, of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. 16. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and then the Lord shut him in.* 17. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. 18. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth: and the ark floated along upon the face of the waters. 19. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high mountains that are under the whole heaven were covered. 20. Fifteen cubits above them did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. 21. And all flesh perished

[a] Figurative expression to denote the immense mass of water which poured down upon the earth, which appeared as though windows had been opened in the body of the atmosphere, from which the flood issued forth in resistless strength.

כָּל־בָּשָׂר ׀ הָרֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ בָּעוֹף וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבַחַיָּה
22 וּבְכָל־הַשֶּׁרֶץ הַשֹּׁרֵץ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְכֹל הָאָדָם׃ כֹּל
אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁמַת־רוּחַ חַיִּים בְּאַפָּיו מִכֹּל אֲשֶׁר בֶּחָרָבָה
23 מֵתוּ׃ וַיִּמַח אֶת־כָּל־הַיְקוּם ׀ אֲשֶׁר ׀ עַל־פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה
מֵאָדָם עַד־בְּהֵמָה עַד־רֶמֶשׂ וְעַד־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם
וַיִּמָּחוּ מִן־הָאָרֶץ וַיִּשָּׁאֶר אַךְ־נֹחַ וַאֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ בַּתֵּבָה׃
24 וַיִּגְבְּרוּ הַמַּיִם עַל־הָאָרֶץ חֲמִשִּׁים וּמְאַת יוֹם׃
ח
1 וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נֹחַ וְאֵת כָּל־הַחַיָּה וְאֶת־כָּל־
הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ בַּתֵּבָה וַיַּעֲבֵר אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ עַל־
2 הָאָרֶץ וַיָּשֹׁכּוּ הַמָּיִם׃ וַיִּסָּכְרוּ מַעְיְנֹת תְּהוֹם
3 וַאֲרֻבֹּת הַשָּׁמָיִם וַיִּכָּלֵא הַגֶּשֶׁם מִן־הַשָּׁמָיִם׃ וַיָּשֻׁבוּ
הַמַּיִם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ הָלוֹךְ וָשׁוֹב וַיַּחְסְרוּ הַמַּיִם
4 מִקְצֵה חֲמִשִּׁים וּמְאַת יוֹם׃ וַתָּנַח הַתֵּבָה בַּחֹדֶשׁ
הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּשִׁבְעָה־עָשָׂר יוֹם לַחֹדֶשׁ עַל הָרֵי אֲרָרָט׃
5 וְהַמַּיִם הָיוּ הָלוֹךְ וְחָסוֹר עַד הַחֹדֶשׁ הָעֲשִׂירִי
בָּעֲשִׂירִי בְּאֶחָד לַחֹדֶשׁ נִרְאוּ רָאשֵׁי הֶהָרִים׃
6 וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וַיִּפְתַּח נֹחַ אֶת־חַלּוֹן
7 הַתֵּבָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה׃ וַיְשַׁלַּח אֶת־הָעֹרֵב וַיֵּצֵא יָצוֹא
8 וָשׁוֹב עַד־יְבֹשֶׁת הַמַּיִם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיְשַׁלַּח אֶת־
הַיּוֹנָה מֵאִתּוֹ לִרְאוֹת הֲקַלּוּ הַמַּיִם מֵעַל פְּנֵי
9 הָאֲדָמָה׃ וְלֹא־מָצְאָה הַיּוֹנָה מָנוֹחַ לְכַף־רַגְלָהּ

that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man. 22. All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was on the dry land, died. 23. And it[a] swept off every living substance which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were swept from the earth; and Noach only was left, together with those that were with him in the ark. 24.

CHAP. VIII. And the waters prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days. 1. And God remembered Noach, and every living thing, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters were assuaged; 2. The fountains also of the deep, and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 3. And the waters returned from off the earth, gradually returning, and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated; 4. So that the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. 5. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. 6. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noach opened the window of the ark which he had made: 7. And he sent forth[b] a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. 8. He then sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; 9. But the dove found no resting-place for the sole of her foot, and

[a] The flood, referring thus to the nominative mentioned in verse 17.

[b] The non-return of the birds was to be a sure sign of their finding the earth again fit for their habitation.

וַתָּשָׁב אֵלָיו אֶל־הַתֵּבָה כִּי־מַיִם עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ
וַיִּשְׁלַח יָדוֹ וַיִּקָּחֶהָ וַיָּבֵא אֹתָהּ אֵלָיו אֶל־הַתֵּבָה׃
10 וַיָּחֶל עוֹד שִׁבְעַת יָמִים אֲחֵרִים וַיֹּסֶף שַׁלַּח אֶת־
11 הַיּוֹנָה מִן־הַתֵּבָה׃ וַתָּבֹא אֵלָיו הַיּוֹנָה לְעֵת עֶרֶב
וְהִנֵּה עֲלֵה־זַיִת טָרָף בְּפִיהָ וַיֵּדַע נֹחַ כִּי־קַלּוּ הַמַּיִם
12 מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיִּיָּחֶל עוֹד שִׁבְעַת יָמִים אֲחֵרִים
13 וַיְשַׁלַּח אֶת־הַיּוֹנָה וְלֹא־יָסְפָה שׁוּב־אֵלָיו עוֹד׃ וַיְהִי
בְּאַחַת וְשֵׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה בָּרִאשׁוֹן בְּאֶחָד לַחֹדֶשׁ
חָרְבוּ הַמַּיִם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ וַיָּסַר נֹחַ אֶת־מִכְסֵה
14 הַתֵּבָה וַיַּרְא וְהִנֵּה חָרְבוּ פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה׃ וּבַחֹדֶשׁ
הַשֵּׁנִי בְּשִׁבְעָה וְעֶשְׂרִים יוֹם לַחֹדֶשׁ יָבְשָׁה
15 הָאָרֶץ׃ ס רביעי וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ
16 לֵאמֹר׃ צֵא מִן־הַתֵּבָה אַתָּה וְאִשְׁתְּךָ וּבָנֶיךָ וּנְשֵׁי־
17 בָנֶיךָ אִתָּךְ׃ כָּל־הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר־אִתְּךָ מִכָּל־בָּשָׂר בָּעוֹף
וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הָרֶמֶשׂ הָרֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ הוֹצֵא
18 אִתָּךְ וְשָׁרְצוּ בָאָרֶץ וּפָרוּ וְרָבוּ עַל־הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיֵּצֵא־
19 נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּנְשֵׁי־בָנָיו אִתּוֹ׃ כָּל־הַחַיָּה
כָּל־הָרֶמֶשׂ וְכָל־הָעוֹף כֹּל רוֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ
20 לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתֵיהֶם יָצְאוּ מִן־הַתֵּבָה׃ וַיִּבֶן נֹחַ מִזְבֵּחַ
לַיהוָה וַיִּקַּח מִכֹּל ׀ הַבְּהֵמָה הַטְּהֹרָה וּמִכֹּל הָעוֹף
21 הַטָּהֹר וַיַּעַל עֹלֹת בַּמִּזְבֵּחַ׃ וַיָּרַח יְהוָה אֶת־רֵיחַ

* היצא קרי

she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth; then he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her in unto him into the ark. 10. And he stayed yet other seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; 11. And the dove came in to him at the time of evening; and, lo, an olive-leaf plucked off was in her mouth; so Noach knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. 12. And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove; but she returned not again unto him any more. 13. And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noach removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. 14. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth perfectly dried up.*

15. And God spoke unto Noach, saying, 16. Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17. Every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, bring forth with thee; that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. 18. And Noach went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him. 19. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark. 20. And Noach built an altar unto the Lord, and he took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. 21. And the Lord smelled the sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not

הַנִּיחֹחַ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־לִבּוֹ לֹא אֹסִף לְקַלֵּל עוֹד
אֶת־הָאֲדָמָה בַּעֲבוּר הָאָדָם כִּי יֵצֶר לֵב הָאָדָם רַע
מִנְּעֻרָיו וְלֹא־אֹסִף עוֹד לְהַכּוֹת אֶת־כָּל־חַי כַּאֲשֶׁר
22 עָשִׂיתִי׃ עֹד כָּל־יְמֵי הָאָרֶץ זֶרַע וְקָצִיר וְקֹר וָחֹם
ט 1 וְקַיִץ וָחֹרֶף וְיוֹם וָלַיְלָה לֹא יִשְׁבֹּתוּ׃ וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים
אֶת־נֹחַ וְאֶת־בָּנָיו וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמִלְאוּ
2 אֶת־הָאָרֶץ׃ וּמוֹרַאֲכֶם וְחִתְּכֶם יִהְיֶה עַל כָּל־חַיַּת
הָאָרֶץ וְעַל כָּל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמָיִם בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר תִּרְמֹשׂ
3 הָאֲדָמָה וּבְכָל־דְּגֵי הַיָּם בְּיֶדְכֶם נִתָּנוּ׃ כָּל־רֶמֶשׂ
אֲשֶׁר הוּא־חַי לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאָכְלָה כְּיֶרֶק עֵשֶׂב נָתַתִּי
4 לָכֶם אֶת־כֹּל׃ אַךְ־בָּשָׂר בְּנַפְשׁוֹ דָמוֹ לֹא תֹאכֵלוּ׃
5 וְאַךְ אֶת־דִּמְכֶם לְנַפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם אֶדְרֹשׁ מִיַּד כָּל־חַיָּה
אֶדְרְשֶׁנּוּ וּמִיַּד הָאָדָם מִיַּד אִישׁ אָחִיו אֶדְרֹשׁ אֶת־
6 נֶפֶשׁ הָאָדָם׃ שֹׁפֵךְ דַּם הָאָדָם בָּאָדָם דָּמוֹ יִשָּׁפֵךְ כִּי
7 בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה אֶת־הָאָדָם׃ וְאַתֶּם פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ
8 שִׁרְצוּ בָאָרֶץ וּרְבוּ־בָהּ׃ ס חמישי וַיֹּאמֶר
9 אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ וְאֶל־בָּנָיו אִתּוֹ לֵאמֹר׃ וַאֲנִי הִנְנִי
מֵקִים אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם וְאֶת־זַרְעֲכֶם אַחֲרֵיכֶם׃
10 וְאֵת כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר אִתְּכֶם בָּעוֹף בַּבְּהֵמָה
וּבְכָל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ אִתְּכֶם מִכֹּל יֹצְאֵי הַתֵּבָה
11 לְכֹל חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ׃ וַהֲקִמֹתִי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם

again curse the ground any more for man's sake; although
the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth:
neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as
I have done. 22. While the earth remaineth, seed-time
and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter,
and day and night, shall not cease. 1. And God blessed
CHAP. IX. Noach and his sons, and said unto them, Be
fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.
2. And the fear of you, and the dread of you, shall be
upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of
the heaven; whatever is that moveth upon the earth, and
all the fishes of the sea, are delivered into your hands.
3. Every moving thing that liveth shall be yours for
food; even as the green herbs have I given you all things.
4. But flesh in which its life is,[a] which is its blood, shall
ye not eat. 5. Your blood, however, on which your lives
depend, will I require: at the hand of every beast will I
require it; and at the hand of man, at the hand of every
man's brother will I require the life of man. 6. Whoso
sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for
in the image of God made he man. 7. And you, be ye
fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly on the earth,
and multiply thereon.*

8. And God spoke unto Noach, and to his sons with
him, saying, 9. And I, behold, I establish my covenant
with you, and with your seed after you; 10. And with
every living creature that is with you, with the fowl, with
the cattle, and with every beast of the earth with you, all
those that go out of the ark, with every beast of the earth.
11. And I will establish my covenant with you; and all

[a] Our tradition says that this prohibits the eating of any part of a living animal, אבר מן החי; this barbarous custom is not yet extinct in some parts of the East.

וְלֹֽא־יִכָּרֵ֧ת כָּל־בָּשָׂ֛ר ע֖וֹד מִמֵּ֣י הַמַּבּ֑וּל וְלֹֽא־יִהְיֶ֥ה
12 ע֛וֹד מַבּ֖וּל לְשַׁחֵ֥ת הָאָֽרֶץ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֱלֹהִ֗ים זֹ֤את
אֽוֹת־הַבְּרִית֙ אֲשֶׁר־אֲנִ֣י נֹתֵ֗ן בֵּינִי֙ וּבֵ֣ינֵיכֶ֔ם וּבֵ֛ין כָּל־
13 נֶ֥פֶשׁ חַיָּ֖ה אֲשֶׁ֣ר אִתְּכֶ֑ם לְדֹרֹ֖ת עוֹלָֽם׃ אֶת־קַשְׁתִּ֕י
נָתַ֖תִּי בֶּֽעָנָ֑ן וְהָֽיְתָה֙ לְא֣וֹת בְּרִ֔ית בֵּינִ֖י וּבֵ֥ין הָאָֽרֶץ׃
14 וְהָיָ֕ה בְּעַֽנְנִ֥י עָנָ֖ן עַל־הָאָ֑רֶץ וְנִרְאֲתָ֥ה הַקֶּ֖שֶׁת בֶּעָנָֽן׃
15 וְזָכַרְתִּ֣י אֶת־בְּרִיתִ֗י אֲשֶׁ֤ר בֵּינִי֙ וּבֵ֣ינֵיכֶ֔ם וּבֵ֥ין כָּל־
נֶ֥פֶשׁ חַיָּ֖ה בְּכָל־בָּשָׂ֑ר וְלֹֽא־יִהְיֶ֨ה ע֤וֹד הַמַּ֙יִם֙ לְמַבּ֔וּל
16 לְשַׁחֵ֖ת כָּל־בָּשָֽׂר׃ וְהָיְתָ֥ה הַקֶּ֖שֶׁת בֶּֽעָנָ֑ן וּרְאִיתִ֗יהָ
לִזְכֹּר֙ בְּרִ֣ית עוֹלָ֔ם בֵּ֣ין אֱלֹהִ֔ים וּבֵין֙ כָּל־נֶ֣פֶשׁ חַיָּ֔ה
17 בְּכָל־בָּשָׂ֖ר אֲשֶׁ֥ר עַל־הָאָֽרֶץ׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶל־
נֹ֑חַ זֹ֤את אֽוֹת־הַבְּרִית֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר הֲקִמֹ֔תִי בֵּינִ֕י וּבֵ֥ין
כָּל־בָּשָׂ֖ר אֲשֶׁ֥ר עַל־הָאָֽרֶץ׃ פ ששי
18 וַיִּהְי֣וּ בְנֵי־נֹ֗חַ הַיֹּֽצְאִים֙ מִן־הַתֵּבָ֔ה שֵׁ֖ם וְחָ֣ם וָיָ֑פֶת
19 וְחָ֕ם ה֖וּא אֲבִ֥י כְנָֽעַן׃ שְׁלֹשָׁ֥ה אֵ֖לֶּה בְּנֵי־נֹ֑חַ וּמֵאֵ֖לֶּה
20 נָֽפְצָ֥ה כָל־הָאָֽרֶץ׃ וַיָּ֥חֶל נֹ֖חַ אִ֣ישׁ הָֽאֲדָמָ֑ה וַיִּטַּ֖ע
21 כָּֽרֶם׃ וַיֵּ֥שְׁתְּ מִן־הַיַּ֖יִן וַיִּשְׁכָּ֑ר וַיִּתְגַּ֖ל בְּת֥וֹךְ אָהֳלֹֽה׃
22 וַיַּ֗רְא חָ֚ם אֲבִ֣י כְנַ֔עַן אֵ֖ת עֶרְוַ֣ת אָבִ֑יו וַיַּגֵּ֥ד לִשְׁנֵֽי־
23 אֶחָ֖יו בַּחֽוּץ׃ וַיִּקַּח֩ שֵׁ֨ם וָיֶ֜פֶת אֶת־הַשִּׂמְלָ֗ה וַיָּשִׂ֙ימוּ֙
עַל־שְׁכֶ֣ם שְׁנֵיהֶ֔ם וַיֵּֽלְכוּ֙ אֲחֹ֣רַנִּ֔ית וַיְכַסּ֕וּ אֵ֖ת עֶרְוַ֣ת
אֲבִיהֶ֑ם וּפְנֵיהֶם֙ אֲחֹ֣רַנִּ֔ית וְעֶרְוַ֥ת אֲבִיהֶ֖ם לֹ֥א רָאֽוּ׃

flesh shall not be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there be any more a flood to destroy the earth. 12. And God said, This shall be the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations. 13. My bow I do[a] set in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of the covenant between me and the earth. 14. And it shall come to pass, that when I bring a cloud over the earth, and the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15. I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature, of all flesh, that is upon the earth. 17. And God said unto Noach, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.*

18. And the sons of Noach that went forth from the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Jepheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan. 19. These three were the sons of Noach, and of them was the whole earth overspread. 20. And Noach, who was a husbandman, began his work, and he planted a vineyard. 21. And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he uncovered himself within his tent. 22. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told it his two brethren without. 23. And Shem and Jepheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 24. And

[a] Hebrew "I have set," indicating that the rainbow previously existing, was appointed the sign of the new covenant.

24 וַיִּיקֶץ נֹחַ מִיֵּינוֹ וַיֵּדַע אֵת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לוֹ בְּנוֹ הַקָּטָן׃
25 וַיֹּאמֶר אָרוּר כְּנָעַן עֶבֶד עֲבָדִים יִהְיֶה לְאֶחָיו׃
26 וַיֹּאמֶר בָּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי שֵׁם וִיהִי כְנַעַן עֶבֶד לָמוֹ׃
27 יַפְתְּ אֱלֹהִים לְיֶפֶת וְיִשְׁכֹּן בְּאָהֳלֵי־שֵׁם וִיהִי כְנַעַן
28 עֶבֶד לָמוֹ׃ וַיְחִי־נֹחַ אַחַר הַמַּבּוּל שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה
29 וַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה׃ וַיְהִי כָּל־יְמֵי־נֹחַ תְּשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה
וַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה וַיָּמֹת׃ פ

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1 וְאֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת בְּנֵי־נֹחַ שֵׁם חָם וָיָפֶת וַיִּוָּלְדוּ לָהֶם
2 בָּנִים אַחַר הַמַּבּוּל׃ בְּנֵי יֶפֶת גֹּמֶר וּמָגוֹג וּמָדַי וְיָוָן
3 וְתֻבָל וּמֶשֶׁךְ וְתִירָס׃ וּבְנֵי גֹּמֶר אַשְׁכְּנַז וְרִיפַת
4 וְתֹגַרְמָה׃ וּבְנֵי יָוָן אֱלִישָׁה וְתַרְשִׁישׁ כִּתִּים וְדֹדָנִים׃
5 מֵאֵלֶּה נִפְרְדוּ אִיֵּי הַגּוֹיִם בְּאַרְצֹתָם אִישׁ לִלְשֹׁנוֹ
6 לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם בְּגוֹיֵהֶם׃ וּבְנֵי חָם כּוּשׁ וּמִצְרַיִם וּפוּט
7 וּכְנָעַן׃ וּבְנֵי כוּשׁ סְבָא וַחֲוִילָה וְסַבְתָּה וְרַעְמָה
8 וְסַבְתְּכָא וּבְנֵי רַעְמָה שְׁבָא וּדְדָן׃ וְכוּשׁ יָלַד אֶת־
9 נִמְרֹד הוּא הֵחֵל לִהְיוֹת גִּבֹּר בָּאָרֶץ׃ הוּא־הָיָה גִבֹּר־
צַיִד לִפְנֵי יְהוָה עַל־כֵּן יֵאָמַר כְּנִמְרֹד גִּבּוֹר צַיִד
10 לִפְנֵי יְהוָה׃ וַתְּהִי רֵאשִׁית מַמְלַכְתּוֹ בָּבֶל וְאֶרֶךְ
11 וְאַכַּד וְכַלְנֵה בְּאֶרֶץ שִׁנְעָר׃ מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַהִוא יָצָא
אַשּׁוּר וַיִּבֶן אֶת־נִינְוֵה וְאֶת־רְחֹבֹת עִיר וְאֶת־כָּלַח׃
12 וְאֶת־רֶסֶן בֵּין נִינְוֵה וּבֵין כָּלַח הִוא הָעִיר הַגְּדֹלָה׃

Noach awoke from his wine, and discovered what his younger son had done unto him. 25. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. 26. And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be a servant unto them. 27. May God enlarge the boundaries of Jepheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be a servant unto them. 28. And Noach lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29. And all the days of Noach were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

CHAP. X. 1. Now these are the generations of the sons of Noach; Shem, Ham, and Jepheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood. 2. The sons of Jepheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 3. And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. 4. And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5. By these were separated the isles of the nations in their lands, every one after his tongue; after their families, in their nations. 6. And the sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan. 7. And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha; and the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. 8. And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a mighty man on the earth. 9. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD. 10. And the beginning[a] of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11. Out of that land he went forth to Ashur, and built Nineveh, and the city Rechoboth, and Calach, 12. And Resen between Nineveh and Calach; the same is the great city. 13. And

[a] "The chief town."—ONKELOS.

13 וּמִצְרַיִם יָלַד אֶת־לוּדִים וְאֶת־עֲנָמִים וְאֶת־
14 לְהָבִים וְאֶת־נַפְתֻּחִים׃ וְאֶת־פַּתְרֻסִים וְאֶת־
כַּסְלֻחִים אֲשֶׁר יָצְאוּ מִשָּׁם פְּלִשְׁתִּים וְאֶת־
15 כַּפְתֹּרִים׃ ס וּכְנַעַן יָלַד אֶת־צִידֹן
16 בְּכֹרוֹ וְאֶת־חֵת׃ וְאֶת־הַיְבוּסִי וְאֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי וְאֵת
17 18 הַגִּרְגָּשִׁי׃ וְאֶת־הַחִוִּי וְאֶת־הַעַרְקִי וְאֶת־הַסִּינִי׃ וְאֶת־
הָאַרְוָדִי וְאֶת־הַצְּמָרִי וְאֶת־הַחֲמָתִי וְאַחַר נָפֹצוּ
19 מִשְׁפְּחוֹת הַכְּנַעֲנִי׃ וַיְהִי גְּבוּל הַכְּנַעֲנִי מִצִּידֹן
בֹּאֲכָה גְרָרָה עַד־עַזָּה בֹּאֲכָה סְדֹמָה וַעֲמֹרָה
20 וְאַדְמָה וּצְבֹיִם עַד־לָשַׁע׃ אֵלֶּה בְנֵי־חָם לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם
21 לִלְשֹׁנֹתָם בְּאַרְצֹתָם בְּגוֹיֵהֶם׃ ס וּלְשֵׁם
יֻלַּד גַּם־הוּא אֲבִי כָּל־בְּנֵי־עֵבֶר אֲחִי יֶפֶת הַגָּדוֹל׃
22 23 בְּנֵי שֵׁם עֵילָם וְאַשּׁוּר וְאַרְפַּכְשַׁד וְלוּד וַאֲרָם׃ וּבְנֵי
24 אֲרָם עוּץ וְחוּל וְגֶתֶר וָמַשׁ׃ וְאַרְפַּכְשַׁד יָלַד אֶת־
25 שָׁלַח וְשֶׁלַח יָלַד אֶת־עֵבֶר׃ וּלְעֵבֶר יֻלַּד שְׁנֵי בָנִים שֵׁם
הָאֶחָד פֶּלֶג כִּי בְיָמָיו נִפְלְגָה הָאָרֶץ וְשֵׁם אָחִיו יָקְטָן׃
26 וְיָקְטָן יָלַד אֶת־אַלְמוֹדָד וְאֶת־שָׁלֶף וְאֶת־חֲצַרְמָוֶת
27 וְאֶת־יָרַח׃ וְאֶת־הֲדוֹרָם וְאֶת־אוּזָל וְאֶת־דִּקְלָה׃
28 29 וְאֶת־עוֹבָל וְאֶת־אֲבִימָאֵל וְאֶת־שְׁבָא׃ וְאֶת־אוֹפִר
30 וְאֶת־חֲוִילָה וְאֶת־יוֹבָב כָּל־אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי יָקְטָן׃ וַיְהִי
31 מוֹשָׁבָם מִמֵּשָׁא בֹּאֲכָה סְפָרָה הַר הַקֶּדֶם׃ אֵלֶּה

Mizraim begat the Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim,
and Naphtuchim. 14. And the Pathrusim, and Casluchim,
(out of whom came the Philishtim) and the Caphtorim.

15. And Canaan begat Sidon his first-born, and Heth,
16. And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,
17. And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 18.
And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite;
and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread
abroad. 19. And the border of the Canaanites was from
Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest
unto Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboyim,
even unto Lesha. 20. These are the sons of Ham, after
their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in
their nations.

21. Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of
Eber,[a] the brother of Jepheth the elder, even to him were
children born. 22. The sons of Shem: Elam, and Ashur,
and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. 23. And the chil-
dren of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.
24. And Arpachshad begat Shelach; and Shelach begat
Eber. 25. And unto Eber were born two sons; the name
of one was Peleg, for in his days was the earth divided;
and his brother's name was Joktan. 26. And Joktan begat
Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerach,
27. And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah. 28. And Obal,
and Abimael, and Sheba, 29. And Ophir, and Havilah,
and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan. 30. And
their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar,
the mount of the east. 31. These are the sons of Shem,

[a] No doubt derived from the root עבר Abar, "to pass over," hence Hebrews meaning all those who had to cross the great river to enter Palestine, and would thus seem to refer to Abraham the Hebrew, who was so called because he came from Mesopotamia.

בְּנֵי־שֵׁם לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם לִלְשֹׁנֹתָם בְּאַרְצֹתָם לְגוֹיֵהֶם׃
32 אֵלֶּה מִשְׁפְּחֹת בְּנֵי־נֹחַ לְתוֹלְדֹתָם בְּגוֹיֵהֶם וּמֵאֵלֶּה
יא נִפְרְדוּ הַגּוֹיִם בָּאָרֶץ אַחַר הַמַּבּוּל׃ פ שביעי
1 2 וַיְהִי כָל־הָאָרֶץ שָׂפָה אֶחָת וּדְבָרִים אֲחָדִים׃ וַיְהִי
בְּנָסְעָם מִקֶּדֶם וַיִּמְצְאוּ בִקְעָה בְּאֶרֶץ שִׁנְעָר וַיֵּשְׁבוּ
3 שָׁם׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ הָבָה נִלְבְּנָה לְבֵנִים
וְנִשְׂרְפָה לִשְׂרֵפָה וַתְּהִי לָהֶם הַלְּבֵנָה לְאָבֶן וְהַחֵמָר
4 הָיָה לָהֶם לַחֹמֶר׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ הָבָה ׀ נִבְנֶה־לָּנוּ עִיר
וּמִגְדָּל וְרֹאשׁוֹ בַשָּׁמַיִם וְנַעֲשֶׂה־לָּנוּ שֵׁם פֶּן־נָפוּץ
5 עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיֵּרֶד יְהוָה לִרְאֹת אֶת־הָעִיר
6 וְאֶת־הַמִּגְדָּל אֲשֶׁר בָּנוּ בְּנֵי הָאָדָם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
הֵן עַם אֶחָד וְשָׂפָה אַחַת לְכֻלָּם וְזֶה הַחִלָּם לַעֲשׂוֹת
7 וְעַתָּה לֹא־יִבָּצֵר מֵהֶם כֹּל אֲשֶׁר יָזְמוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת׃ הָבָה
נֵרְדָה וְנָבְלָה שָׁם שְׂפָתָם אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ אִישׁ
8 שְׂפַת רֵעֵהוּ׃ וַיָּפֶץ יְהוָה אֹתָם מִשָּׁם עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־
9 הָאָרֶץ וַיַּחְדְּלוּ לִבְנֹת הָעִיר׃ עַל־כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמָהּ
בָּבֶל כִּי־שָׁם בָּלַל יְהוָה שְׂפַת כָּל־הָאָרֶץ וּמִשָּׁם
הֱפִיצָם יְהוָה עַל־פְּנֵי כָּל־הָאָרֶץ׃ פ
10 אֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת שֵׁם שֵׁם בֶּן־מְאַת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־
11 אַרְפַּכְשָׁד שְׁנָתַיִם אַחַר הַמַּבּוּל׃ וַיְחִי־שֵׁם אַחֲרֵי
הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־אַרְפַּכְשָׁד חֲמֵשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים

after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. 32. These are the families of the sons of Noach, after their generations, in their nations; and by these were the nations separated on the earth after the flood.*

CHAP. XI. 1. And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. 2. And it came to pass, as they journeyed towards the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly. And the brick served them for stone, and slime served them for mortar. 4. And they said, Go to, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower, the top of which may reach unto heaven; and let us make ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men were building. 6. And the Lord said, Behold, it is one people, and they have all one language, and this the first thing they undertake to do; and now shall they not be restrained in all which they have imagined to do? 7. Go to, let us go down, and confound there their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8. So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city. 9. Therefore is the name of it called Babel,[a] because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth; and from there did the Lord scatter them abroad over the face of all the earth.

10. These are the generations of Shem: Shem, when a hundred years old, begat Arpachshad, two years after the flood. 11. And Shem lived after he begat Arpachshad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

[a] From Bahlal בלל "to mingle."

12 וּבָנֽוֹת׃ ס וְאַרְפַּכְשַׁד חַי חָמֵשׁ
13 וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־שָֽׁלַח׃ וַיְחִי אַרְפַּכְשַׁד
אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־שֶׁלַח שָׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת
14 שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנֽוֹת׃ ס וְשֶׁלַח
15 חַי שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־עֵֽבֶר׃ וַֽיְחִי־שֶׁלַח אַחֲרֵי
הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־עֵבֶר שָׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה
16 וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנֽוֹת׃ ס וַֽיְחִי־עֵבֶר
17 אַרְבַּע וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־פָּֽלֶג׃ וַֽיְחִי־עֵבֶר
אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־פֶּלֶג שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת
18 שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנֽוֹת׃ ס וַֽיְחִי־פֶלֶג
19 שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־רְעֽוּ׃ וַֽיְחִי־פֶלֶג אַחֲרֵי
הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־רְעוּ תֵּשַׁע שָׁנִים וּמָאתַיִם שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד
20 בָּנִים וּבָנֽוֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי רְעוּ שְׁתַּיִם
21 וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־שְׂרֽוּג׃ וַיְחִי רְעוּ אַחֲרֵי
הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־שְׂרוּג שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים וּמָאתַיִם שָׁנָה
22 וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנֽוֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי שְׂרוּג
23 שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־נָחֽוֹר׃ וַיְחִי שְׂרוּג אַחֲרֵי
הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־נָחוֹר מָאתַיִם שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים
24 וּבָנֽוֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי נָחוֹר תֵּשַׁע וְעֶשְׂרִים
25 שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־תָּֽרַח׃ וַיְחִי נָחוֹר אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ
אֶת־תֶּרַח תְּשַֽׁע־עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה וּמְאַת שָׁנָה

12. And Arpachshad lived five and thirty years, and begat Shelach. 13. And Arpachshad lived after he begat Shelach four hundred and three[a] years, and begat sons and daughters.

14. And Shelach lived thirty years, and begat Eber. 15. And Shelach lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16. And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg. 17. And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18. And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reü. 19. And Peleg lived after he begat Reü two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20. And Reü lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug. 21. And Reü lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22. And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nachor. 23. And Serug lived after he begat Nachor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24. And Nachor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terach. 25. And Nachor lived after he begat Terach a hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

[a] Remarkable decrease of the length of human life. When before the flood the age of man reached to near a thousand years, as was the case also with Noach, Shem lived only six hundred years, and his son four hundred and thirty-eight, till Abraham reached but one hundred and seventy-four years, and in Moses's time the years of man were reduced to mere "threescore and ten." May we not discover in this circumstance a wise Providence? If the people before the flood, trusting in their long stay on earth, forgot their Maker, the speedy accountability in those of later times was well calculated to make them reflect on their conduct Besides this, the decrease of human life was gradual, which would seem to be owing to the necessity of leaving life sufficiently long to enable mankind to people the earth by degrees.

26 וַיּוֹלֶד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת׃ ס וַיְחִי־תֶרַח
שִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֶד אֶת־אַבְרָם אֶת־נָחוֹר וְאֶת־
27 הָרָן׃ וְאֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת תֶּרַח תֶּרַח הוֹלִיד אֶת־אַבְרָם
28 אֶת־נָחוֹר וְאֶת־הָרָן וְהָרָן הוֹלִיד אֶת־לוֹט׃ וַיָּמָת
הָרָן עַל־פְּנֵי תֶּרַח אָבִיו בְּאֶרֶץ מוֹלַדְתּוֹ בְּאוּר
29 כַּשְׂדִּים׃ * וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָם וְנָחוֹר לָהֶם נָשִׁים שֵׁם
אֵשֶׁת־אַבְרָם שָׂרָי וְשֵׁם אֵשֶׁת־נָחוֹר מִלְכָּה בַּת־
30 הָרָן אֲבִי־מִלְכָּה וַאֲבִי יִסְכָּה׃ וַתְּהִי שָׂרַי עֲקָרָה
31 אֵין לָהּ וָלָד׃ וַיִּקַּח תֶּרַח אֶת־אַבְרָם בְּנוֹ
וְאֶת־לוֹט בֶּן־הָרָן בֶּן־בְּנוֹ וְאֵת שָׂרַי כַּלָּתוֹ אֵשֶׁת
אַבְרָם בְּנוֹ וַיֵּצְאוּ אִתָּם מֵאוּר כַּשְׂדִּים לָלֶכֶת
32 אַרְצָה כְּנַעַן וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד־חָרָן וַיֵּשְׁבוּ שָׁם׃ וַיִּהְיוּ
יְמֵי־תֶרַח חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וּמָאתַיִם שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת
יב תֶּרַח בְּחָרָן׃ פ
1 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם לֶךְ־לְךָ מֵאַרְצְךָ וּמִמּוֹלַדְתְּךָ
2 וּמִבֵּית אָבִיךָ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַרְאֶךָּ׃ וְאֶעֶשְׂךָ לְגוֹי
3 גָּדוֹל וַאֲבָרֶכְךָ וַאֲגַדְּלָה שְׁמֶךָ וֶהְיֵה בְּרָכָה׃ וַאֲבָרְכָה
מְבָרְכֶיךָ וּמְקַלֶּלְךָ אָאֹר וְנִבְרְכוּ בְךָ כֹּל מִשְׁפְּחֹת
4 הָאֲדָמָה׃ וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָם כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֵלָיו יְהוָה
וַיֵּלֶךְ אִתּוֹ לוֹט וְאַבְרָם בֶּן־חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וְשִׁבְעִים
5 שָׁנָה בְּצֵאתוֹ מֵחָרָן׃ וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָם אֶת־שָׂרַי אִשְׁתּוֹ

* מפטיר

26. And Terach lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nachor, and Haran. 27. Now these are the generations of Terach: Terach begat Abram, Nachor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. 28. And Haran died before his father Terach in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.* 29. And Abram and Nachor took themselves wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nachor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Yiscah. 30. But Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31. And Terach took Abram his son, and Lot, the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Charan, and dwelt there. 32. And the days of Terach were two hundred and five years, and Terach died in Charan.

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CHAP. XII.

1. Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and out thy birthplace, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee. 2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:[a] 3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and him[b] that curseth thee, will I curse; and in thee[c] shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him, and Lot went with him; and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Charan. 5. And Abram

[a] "So great shall be thy blessing and prosperity, that thou shalt become a blessing to others; for when a man shall bless his son, he will say to him, May the Lord bless thee with Abraham's blessing."—DUBNO.

[b] "In the singular, for few would curse Abraham, whilst many would bless him."—IDEM.

[c] "Through thee, for thy sake and thy merit."—IDEM.

וְאֶת־ל֣וֹט בֶּן־אָחִ֗יו וְאֶת־כָּל־רְכוּשָׁם֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר רָכָ֔שׁוּ
וְאֶת־הַנֶּ֖פֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־עָשׂ֣וּ בְחָרָ֑ן וַיֵּצְא֗וּ לָלֶ֙כֶת֙ אַ֣רְצָה
6 כְּנַ֔עַן וַיָּבֹ֖אוּ אַ֥רְצָה כְּנָֽעַן׃ וַיַּעֲבֹ֤ר אַבְרָם֙ בָּאָ֔רֶץ
עַ֚ד מְק֣וֹם שְׁכֶ֔ם עַ֖ד אֵל֣וֹן מוֹרֶ֑ה וְהַֽכְּנַעֲנִ֖י אָ֥ז
7 בָּאָֽרֶץ׃ וַיֵּרָ֤א יְהוָה֙ אֶל־אַבְרָ֔ם וַיֹּ֕אמֶר לְזַ֨רְעֲךָ֔ אֶתֵּ֖ן
אֶת־הָאָ֣רֶץ הַזֹּ֑את וַיִּ֤בֶן שָׁם֙ מִזְבֵּ֔חַ לַיהוָ֖ה הַנִּרְאֶ֥ה
8 אֵלָֽיו׃ וַיַּעְתֵּ֨ק מִשָּׁ֜ם הָהָ֗רָה מִקֶּ֛דֶם לְבֵֽית־אֵ֖ל וַיֵּ֣ט
אָהֳלֹ֑ה בֵּֽית־אֵ֤ל מִיָּם֙ וְהָעַ֣י מִקֶּ֔דֶם וַיִּֽבֶן־שָׁ֤ם מִזְבֵּ֙חַ֙
9 לַֽיהוָ֔ה וַיִּקְרָ֖א בְּשֵׁ֥ם יְהוָֽה׃ וַיִּסַּ֣ע אַבְרָ֔ם הָל֥וֹךְ
וְנָס֖וֹעַ הַנֶּֽגְבָּה׃ פ
10 וַיְהִ֥י רָעָ֖ב בָּאָ֑רֶץ וַיֵּ֨רֶד אַבְרָ֤ם מִצְרַ֙יְמָה֙ לָג֣וּר שָׁ֔ם
11 כִּֽי־כָבֵ֥ד הָרָעָ֖ב בָּאָֽרֶץ׃ וַיְהִ֕י כַּאֲשֶׁ֥ר הִקְרִ֖יב לָב֣וֹא
מִצְרָ֑יְמָה וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ אֶל־שָׂרַ֣י אִשְׁתּ֔וֹ הִנֵּה־נָ֣א יָדַ֔עְתִּי
12 כִּ֛י אִשָּׁ֥ה יְפַת־מַרְאֶ֖ה אָֽתְּ׃ וְהָיָ֗ה כִּֽי־יִרְא֤וּ אֹתָךְ֙
הַמִּצְרִ֔ים וְאָמְר֖וּ אִשְׁתּ֣וֹ זֹ֑את וְהָרְג֥וּ אֹתִ֖י וְאֹתָ֥ךְ יְחַיּֽוּ׃
13 אִמְרִי־נָ֖א אֲחֹ֣תִי אָ֑תְּ לְמַ֙עַן֙ יִֽיטַב־לִ֣י בַעֲבוּרֵ֔ךְ וְחָיְתָ֥ה
14 נַפְשִׁ֖י בִּגְלָלֵֽךְ׃ * וַיְהִ֕י כְּב֥וֹא אַבְרָ֖ם מִצְרָ֑יְמָה וַיִּרְא֤וּ
15 הַמִּצְרִים֙ אֶת־הָ֣אִשָּׁ֔ה כִּֽי־יָפָ֥ה הִ֖וא מְאֹֽד׃ וַיִּרְא֤וּ
אֹתָהּ֙ שָׂרֵ֣י פַרְעֹ֔ה וַיְהַֽלְל֥וּ אֹתָ֖הּ אֶל־פַּרְעֹ֑ה וַתֻּקַּ֥ח
16 הָאִשָּׁ֖ה בֵּ֥ית פַּרְעֹֽה׃ וּלְאַבְרָ֥ם הֵיטִ֖יב בַּעֲבוּרָ֑הּ וַֽיְהִי־
ל֤וֹ צֹאן־וּבָקָר֙ וַחֲמֹרִ֔ים וַעֲבָדִים֙ וּשְׁפָחֹ֔ת וַאֲתֹנֹ֖ת

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took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had acquired, and the souls[a] that they had gotten in Charan; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and they came into the land of Canaan. 6. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shichem, unto the plain of Moreh; and the Canaanite was then in the land. 7. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land. And he built there an altar unto the LORD, who had appeared unto him. 8. And he removed from there unto the mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east; and there he built an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. 9. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

10. And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land. 11. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a woman of handsome appearance: 12. And it may come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they will say, This is his wife; and they may kill me, but thee they will save alive. 13. Say then, I pray thee, thou art my sister, that it may be well with me for thy sake, and my soul live because of thee.* 14. And it came to pass that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. 15. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16. And he did well to Abram for her sake; and he received sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants,

[a] "And the souls whom they had subjected to the Law."—ONKELOS.

17 וּגְמַלִּ֑ים׃ וַיְנַגַּ֨ע יְהוָ֧ה ׀ אֶת־פַּרְעֹ֛ה נְגָעִ֥ים גְּדֹלִ֖ים וְאֶת־
18 בֵּית֑וֹ עַל־דְּבַ֥ר שָׂרַ֖י אֵ֥שֶׁת אַבְרָֽם׃ וַיִּקְרָ֤א פַרְעֹה֙
לְאַבְרָ֔ם וַיֹּ֕אמֶר מַה־זֹּ֖את עָשִׂ֣יתָ לִּ֑י לָ֚מָּה לֹא־הִגַּ֣דְתָּ
19 לִּ֔י כִּ֥י אִשְׁתְּךָ֖ הִֽוא׃ לָמָ֤ה אָמַ֙רְתָּ֙ אֲחֹ֣תִי הִ֔וא וָאֶקַּ֥ח
20 אֹתָ֛הּ לִ֖י לְאִשָּׁ֑ה וְעַתָּ֕ה הִנֵּ֥ה אִשְׁתְּךָ֖ קַ֥ח וָלֵֽךְ׃ וַיְצַ֥ו
יג עָלָ֛יו פַּרְעֹ֖ה אֲנָשִׁ֑ים וַֽיְשַׁלְּח֥וּ אֹת֛וֹ וְאֶת־אִשְׁתּ֖וֹ
1 וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לֽוֹ׃ וַיַּעַל֩ אַבְרָ֨ם מִמִּצְרַ֜יִם ה֠וּא
2 וְאִשְׁתּ֧וֹ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־ל֛וֹ וְל֥וֹט עִמּ֖וֹ הַנֶּֽגְבָּה׃ וְאַבְרָ֖ם
3 כָּבֵ֣ד מְאֹ֑ד בַּמִּקְנֶ֕ה בַּכֶּ֖סֶף וּבַזָּהָֽב׃ וַיֵּ֙לֶךְ֙ לְמַסָּעָ֔יו
מִנֶּ֖גֶב וְעַד־בֵּֽית־אֵ֑ל עַד־הַמָּק֗וֹם אֲשֶׁר־הָ֨יָה שָׁ֤ם
4 אָהֳלֹה֙ בַּתְּחִלָּ֔ה בֵּ֥ין בֵּֽית־אֵ֖ל וּבֵ֥ין הָעָֽי׃ אֶל־מְקוֹם֙
הַמִּזְבֵּ֔חַ אֲשֶׁר־עָ֥שָׂה שָׁ֖ם בָּרִאשֹׁנָ֑ה וַיִּקְרָ֥א שָׁ֛ם
5 אַבְרָ֖ם בְּשֵׁ֥ם יְהוָֽה׃ * וְגַם־לְל֔וֹט הַהֹלֵ֖ךְ אֶת־אַבְרָ֑ם
6 הָיָ֥ה צֹאן־וּבָקָ֖ר וְאֹהָלִֽים׃ וְלֹא־נָשָׂ֥א אֹתָ֛ם הָאָ֖רֶץ
לָשֶׁ֣בֶת יַחְדָּ֑ו כִּֽי־הָיָ֤ה רְכוּשָׁם֙ רָ֔ב וְלֹ֥א יָֽכְל֖וּ לָשֶׁ֥בֶת
7 יַחְדָּֽו׃ וַֽיְהִי־רִ֗יב בֵּ֚ין רֹעֵ֣י מִקְנֵה־אַבְרָ֔ם וּבֵ֖ין רֹעֵ֣י
מִקְנֵה־ל֑וֹט וְהַֽכְּנַעֲנִי֙ וְהַפְּרִזִּ֔י אָ֖ז יֹשֵׁ֥ב בָּאָֽרֶץ׃
8 וַיֹּ֨אמֶר אַבְרָ֜ם אֶל־ל֗וֹט אַל־נָ֨א תְהִ֤י מְרִיבָה֙ בֵּינִ֣י
וּבֵינֶ֔ךָ וּבֵ֥ין רֹעַ֖י וּבֵ֣ין רֹעֶ֑יךָ כִּֽי־אֲנָשִׁ֥ים אַחִ֖ים
9 אֲנָֽחְנוּ׃ הֲלֹ֨א כָל־הָאָ֜רֶץ לְפָנֶ֗יךָ הִפָּ֥רֶד נָ֖א מֵעָלָ֑י
אִם־הַשְּׂמֹ֣אל וְאֵימִ֔נָה וְאִם־הַיָּמִ֖ין וְאַשְׂמְאִֽילָה׃

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and she-asses, and camels. 17. And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18. And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? 19. Why saidst thou, She is my sister? and so I took her to me for a wife; now therefore, behold, here is thy wife, take her, and go thy way. 20. And Pharaoh commanded some men concerning him, who accompanied him and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII. 1. And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.[a] 2. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai; 4. Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.* 5. And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together; for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle, and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. 8. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we are near relatives. 9. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will

[a] The south of Palestine; for correctly speaking Abraham travelled northward from Egypt, but still the first part of Palestine he reached on his return was "the south" thereof.

10 וַיִּשָּׂא־ל֨וֹט אֶת־עֵינָ֜יו וַיַּרְא֙ אֶת־כָּל־כִּכַּ֣ר הַיַּרְדֵּ֔ן
כִּ֥י כֻלָּ֖הּ מַשְׁקֶ֑ה לִפְנֵ֣י ׀ שַׁחֵ֣ת יְהוָ֗ה אֶת־סְדֹם֙ וְאֶת־
עֲמֹרָ֔ה כְּגַן־יְהוָה֙ כְּאֶ֣רֶץ מִצְרַ֔יִם בֹּאֲכָ֖ה צֹֽעַר׃
11 וַיִּבְחַר־ל֣וֹ ל֗וֹט אֵ֚ת כָּל־כִּכַּ֣ר הַיַּרְדֵּ֔ן וַיִּסַּ֥ע ל֖וֹט
12 מִקֶּ֑דֶם וַיִּפָּ֣רְד֔וּ אִ֖ישׁ מֵעַ֥ל אָחִֽיו׃ אַבְרָ֖ם יָשַׁ֣ב
בְּאֶֽרֶץ־כְּנָ֑עַן וְל֗וֹט יָשַׁב֙ בְּעָרֵ֣י הַכִּכָּ֔ר וַיֶּאֱהַ֖ל עַד־
13 סְדֹֽם׃ וְאַנְשֵׁ֣י סְדֹ֔ם רָעִ֖ים וְחַטָּאִ֑ים לַֽיהוָ֖ה מְאֹֽד׃
14 וַֽיהוָ֞ה אָמַ֣ר אֶל־אַבְרָ֗ם אַחֲרֵי֙ הִפָּֽרֶד־ל֣וֹט מֵֽעִמּ֔וֹ
שָׂ֣א נָ֤א עֵינֶ֙יךָ֙ וּרְאֵ֔ה מִן־הַמָּק֖וֹם אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּ֣ה שָׁ֑ם
15 צָפֹ֥נָה וָנֶ֖גְבָּה וָקֵ֥דְמָה וָיָֽמָּה׃ כִּ֧י אֶת־כָּל־הָאָ֛רֶץ
אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּ֥ה רֹאֶ֖ה לְךָ֣ אֶתְּנֶ֑נָּה וּֽלְזַרְעֲךָ֖ עַד־עוֹלָֽם׃
16 וְשַׂמְתִּ֥י אֶֽת־זַרְעֲךָ֖ כַּעֲפַ֣ר הָאָ֑רֶץ אֲשֶׁ֣ר ׀ אִם־יוּכַ֣ל
17 אִ֗ישׁ לִמְנוֹת֙ אֶת־עֲפַ֣ר הָאָ֔רֶץ גַּֽם־זַרְעֲךָ֖ יִמָּנֶֽה׃ ק֚וּם
הִתְהַלֵּ֣ךְ בָּאָ֔רֶץ לְאָרְכָּ֖הּ וּלְרָחְבָּ֑הּ כִּ֥י לְךָ֖ אֶתְּנֶֽנָּה׃
18 וַיֶּאֱהַ֣ל אַבְרָ֗ם וַיָּבֹ֛א וַיֵּ֛שֶׁב בְּאֵלֹנֵ֥י מַמְרֵ֖א אֲשֶׁ֣ר
בְּחֶבְר֑וֹן וַיִּֽבֶן־שָׁ֥ם מִזְבֵּ֖חַ לַֽיהוָֽה׃ פ רביעי
יד
1 וַיְהִ֗י בִּימֵי֙ אַמְרָפֶ֣ל מֶֽלֶךְ־שִׁנְעָ֔ר אַרְי֖וֹךְ מֶ֣לֶךְ אֶלָּסָ֑ר
2 כְּדָרְלָעֹ֨מֶר֙ מֶ֣לֶךְ עֵילָ֔ם וְתִדְעָ֖ל מֶ֥לֶךְ גּוֹיִֽם׃ עָשׂ֣וּ
מִלְחָמָ֗ה אֶת־בֶּ֙רַע֙ מֶ֣לֶךְ סְדֹ֔ם וְאֶת־בִּרְשַׁ֖ע מֶ֣לֶךְ
עֲמֹרָ֑ה שִׁנְאָ֣ב ׀ מֶ֣לֶךְ אַדְמָ֗ה וְשֶׁמְאֵ֙בֶר֙ מֶ֣לֶךְ צְבֹיִּ֔ים*
3 וּמֶ֥לֶךְ בֶּ֖לַע הִיא־צֹֽעַר׃ כָּל־אֵ֙לֶּה֙ חָֽבְרוּ֙ אֶל־עֵ֣מֶק

* צבוים קרי

go to the left. 10. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where; before[a] the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, it was like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, till thou comest unto Zoar. 11. Then Lot chose himself all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tents, till close to Sodom. 13. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. 14. And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thy eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; 15. For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. 17. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for unto thee will I give it. 18. Then Abram pitched his tent, and came and dwelt in the grove of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and he built there an altar unto the LORD.*

CHAP. XIV. 1. And it came to pass, in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goyim; 2. That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboyim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. 3. All these joined together in the vale of Siddim, which

[a] This version, somewhat differing from the common English Bible, is according to Rashi and others, and removes the obscurity which otherwise exists. The second part of this verse must thus be regarded as a parathesis explaining the character of the plain of the Jordan, which Lot chose for his habitation.

4 הַשִּׂדִּים הוּא יָם הַמֶּלַח׃ שְׁתֵּים עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה עָבְדוּ
אֶת־כְּדָרְלָעֹמֶר וּשְׁלֹשׁ־עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה מָרָדוּ׃
5 וּבְאַרְבַּע עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה בָּא כְדָרְלָעֹמֶר וְהַמְּלָכִים
אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ וַיַּכּוּ אֶת־רְפָאִים בְּעַשְׁתְּרֹת קַרְנַיִם וְאֶת־
6 הַזּוּזִים בְּהָם וְאֵת הָאֵימִים בְּשָׁוֵה קִרְיָתָיִם׃ וְאֶת־
הַחֹרִי בְּהַרְרָם שֵׂעִיר עַד אֵיל פָּארָן אֲשֶׁר עַל־
7 הַמִּדְבָּר׃ וַיָּשֻׁבוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־עֵין מִשְׁפָּט הִוא קָדֵשׁ
וַיַּכּוּ אֶת־כָּל־שְׂדֵה הָעֲמָלֵקִי וְגַם אֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי הַיֹּשֵׁב
8 בְּחַצְצֹן תָּמָר׃ וַיֵּצֵא מֶלֶךְ־סְדֹם וּמֶלֶךְ עֲמֹרָה וּמֶלֶךְ
אַדְמָה וּמֶלֶךְ צְבֹיִּים וּמֶלֶךְ בֶּלַע הִוא־צֹעַר וַיַּעַרְכוּ
9 אִתָּם מִלְחָמָה בְּעֵמֶק הַשִּׂדִּים׃ אֵת כְּדָרְלָעֹמֶר
מֶלֶךְ עֵילָם וְתִדְעָל מֶלֶךְ גּוֹיִם וְאַמְרָפֶל מֶלֶךְ
שִׁנְעָר וְאַרְיוֹךְ מֶלֶךְ אֶלָּסָר אַרְבָּעָה מְלָכִים אֶת־
10 הַחֲמִשָּׁה׃ וְעֵמֶק הַשִּׂדִּים בֶּאֱרֹת בֶּאֱרֹת חֵמָר
וַיָּנֻסוּ מֶלֶךְ־סְדֹם וַעֲמֹרָה וַיִּפְּלוּ־שָׁמָּה וְהַנִּשְׁאָרִים
11 הֶרָה נָּסוּ׃ וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־כָּל־רְכֻשׁ סְדֹם וַעֲמֹרָה וְאֶת־
12 כָּל־אָכְלָם וַיֵּלֵכוּ׃ וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־לוֹט וְאֶת־רְכֻשׁוֹ
13 בֶּן־אֲחִי אַבְרָם וַיֵּלֵכוּ וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב בִּסְדֹם׃ וַיָּבֹא
הַפָּלִיט וַיַּגֵּד לְאַבְרָם הָעִבְרִי וְהוּא שֹׁכֵן בְּאֵלֹנֵי
מַמְרֵא הָאֱמֹרִי אֲחִי אֶשְׁכֹּל וַאֲחִי עָנֵר וְהֵם בַּעֲלֵי
14 בְרִית־אַבְרָם׃ וַיִּשְׁמַע אַבְרָם כִּי נִשְׁבָּה אָחִיו

is now the salt sea. 4. Twelve years they served Kedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. 5. And in the fourteenth year came Kedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnayim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathayim, 6. And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness. 7. And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar. 8. And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboyim, and the king of Bela, (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; 9. With Kedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of Goyim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. 10. And the vale of Siddim was full of slime-pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell therein;[a] and they that remained fled to the mountain. 11. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. 12. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; but he dwelt in the grove[b] of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner, and these were confederates of Abram. 14. And when Abram heard that his brother[c] was taken captive,

[a] The pits; compare with Exodus xxi. 33, where שׂבּה, like here, refers to the pit into which the animal falls.

[b] Mendelssohn translates the word אֵלוֹן in this manner, since it is used to express "tree" in many places. Onkelos, however, calls it "plain."

[c] Brother, in Hebrew, denotes frequently a near relative, for above he is called, as he was, Abram's brother's son.

וַיָּ֤רֶק אֶת־חֲנִיכָ֗יו יְלִידֵ֤י בֵיתוֹ֙ שְׁמֹנָ֥ה עָשָׂר֙ וּשְׁלֹ֣שׁ
15 מֵא֔וֹת וַיִּרְדֹּ֖ף עַד־דָּֽן׃ וַיֵּחָלֵ֨ק עֲלֵיהֶ֧ם ׀ לַ֛יְלָה ה֥וּא
וַעֲבָדָ֖יו וַיַּכֵּ֑ם וַֽיִּרְדְּפֵם֙ עַד־חוֹבָ֔ה אֲשֶׁ֥ר מִשְּׂמֹ֖אל
16 לְדַמָּֽשֶׂק׃ וַיָּ֕שֶׁב אֵ֖ת כָּל־הָרְכֻ֑שׁ וְגַם֩ אֶת־ל֨וֹט אָחִ֤יו
17 וּרְכֻשׁוֹ֙ הֵשִׁ֔יב וְגַ֥ם אֶת־הַנָּשִׁ֖ים וְאֶת־הָעָֽם׃ וַיֵּצֵ֤א
מֶֽלֶךְ־סְדֹם֙ לִקְרָאת֔וֹ אַחֲרֵ֣י שׁוּב֗וֹ מֵֽהַכּוֹת֙ אֶת־
כְּדָרְלָעֹ֔מֶר וְאֶת־הַמְּלָכִ֖ים אֲשֶׁ֣ר אִתּ֑וֹ אֶל־עֵ֣מֶק
18 שָׁוֵ֔ה ה֖וּא עֵ֥מֶק הַמֶּֽלֶךְ׃ וּמַלְכִּי־צֶ֙דֶק֙ מֶ֣לֶךְ שָׁלֵ֔ם
19 הוֹצִ֖יא לֶ֣חֶם וָיָ֑יִן וְה֥וּא כֹהֵ֖ן לְאֵ֥ל עֶלְיֽוֹן׃ וַֽיְבָרְכֵ֖הוּ
וַיֹּאמַ֑ר בָּר֤וּךְ אַבְרָם֙ לְאֵ֣ל עֶלְי֔וֹן קֹנֵ֖ה שָׁמַ֥יִם וָאָֽרֶץ׃
20 וּבָרוּךְ֙ אֵ֣ל עֶלְי֔וֹן אֲשֶׁר־מִגֵּ֥ן צָרֶ֖יךָ בְּיָדֶ֑ךָ וַיִּתֶּן־ל֥וֹ
21 מַעֲשֵׂ֖ר מִכֹּֽל׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר מֶֽלֶךְ־סְדֹ֖ם אֶל־אַבְרָ֑ם תֶּן־לִ֣י
22 הַנֶּ֔פֶשׁ וְהָרְכֻ֖שׁ קַֽח־לָֽךְ׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר אַבְרָ֖ם אֶל־מֶ֣לֶךְ
סְדֹ֑ם הֲרִמֹ֨תִי יָדִ֤י אֶל־יְהוָה֙ אֵ֣ל עֶלְי֔וֹן קֹנֵ֖ה שָׁמַ֥יִם
23 וָאָֽרֶץ׃ אִם־מִחוּט֙ וְעַ֣ד שְׂרֽוֹךְ־נַ֔עַל וְאִם־אֶקַּ֖ח מִכָּל־
אֲשֶׁר־לָ֑ךְ וְלֹ֣א תֹאמַ֔ר אֲנִ֖י הֶעֱשַׁ֥רְתִּי אֶת־אַבְרָֽם׃
24 בִּלְעָדַ֗י רַ֚ק אֲשֶׁ֣ר אָכְל֣וּ הַנְּעָרִ֔ים וְחֵ֙לֶק֙ הָֽאֲנָשִׁ֔ים
אֲשֶׁ֥ר הָלְכ֖וּ אִתִּ֑י עָנֵר֙ אֶשְׁכֹּ֣ל וּמַמְרֵ֔א הֵ֖ם יִקְח֥וּ
טו 1 חֶלְקָֽם׃ ס אַחַ֣ר ׀ הַדְּבָרִ֣ים הָאֵ֗לֶּה
הָיָ֤ה דְבַר־יְהוָה֙ אֶל־אַבְרָ֔ם בַּֽמַּחֲזֶ֖ה לֵאמֹ֑ר אַל־
תִּירָ֣א אַבְרָ֗ם אָנֹכִי֙ מָגֵ֣ן לָ֔ךְ שְׂכָרְךָ֖ הַרְבֵּ֥ה מְאֹֽד׃

* חמישי

he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. 15. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. 16. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. 17. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him (after his return from smiting Kedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him) at the valley of Shaveh, which is the kings' dale. 18. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God. 19. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth. 20. And blessed be the most high God, who hath delivered thy enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.* 21. And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. 22. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, 23. That I will not[a] take from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: 24. Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre—these may take their portion.

CHAP. XV. 1. After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, thy reward shall be exceedingly

[a] Abraham's disinterestedness. God had promised him to make him great; and hence, though he had expended time and treasure, and exposed his life in the assault he made upon the conquerors of many nations, he refused to be benefited through the munificent offer of the king of Sodom.

2 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה מַה־תִּתֶּן־לִי וְאָנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ
עֲרִירִי וּבֶן־מֶשֶׁק בֵּיתִי הוּא דַּמֶּשֶׂק אֱלִיעֶזֶר׃
3 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם הֵן לִי לֹא נָתַתָּה זָרַע וְהִנֵּה בֶן־
4 בֵּיתִי יוֹרֵשׁ אֹתִי׃ וְהִנֵּה דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר
לֹא יִירָשְׁךָ זֶה כִּי־אִם אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִמֵּעֶיךָ הוּא
5 יִירָשֶׁךָ׃ וַיּוֹצֵא אֹתוֹ הַחוּצָה וַיֹּאמֶר הַבֶּט־נָא
הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וּסְפֹר הַכּוֹכָבִים אִם־תּוּכַל לִסְפֹּר אֹתָם
6 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כֹּה יִהְיֶה זַרְעֶךָ׃ וְהֶאֱמִן בַּיהוָה וַיַּחְשְׁבֶהָ
7 לּוֹ צְדָקָה׃ * וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֲנִי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ
מֵאוּר כַּשְׂדִּים לָתֶת לְךָ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
8 לְרִשְׁתָּהּ׃ וַיֹּאמַר אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה בַּמָּה אֵדַע כִּי
9 אִירָשֶׁנָּה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו קְחָה לִי עֶגְלָה מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת
10 וְעֵז מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת וְאַיִל מְשֻׁלָּשׁ וְתֹר וְגוֹזָל׃ וַיִּקַּח־לוֹ
אֶת־כָּל־אֵלֶּה וַיְבַתֵּר אֹתָם בַּתָּוֶךְ וַיִּתֵּן אִישׁ־בִּתְרוֹ
11 לִקְרַאת רֵעֵהוּ וְאֶת־הַצִּפֹּר לֹא בָתָר׃ וַיֵּרֶד הָעַיִט
12 עַל־הַפְּגָרִים וַיַּשֵּׁב אֹתָם אַבְרָם׃ וַיְהִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ
לָבוֹא וְתַרְדֵּמָה נָפְלָה עַל־אַבְרָם וְהִנֵּה אֵימָה
13 חֲשֵׁכָה גְדֹלָה נֹפֶלֶת עָלָיו׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לְאַבְרָם יָדֹעַ
תֵּדַע כִּי־גֵר ׀ יִהְיֶה זַרְעֲךָ בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא לָהֶם וַעֲבָדוּם
14 וְעִנּוּ אֹתָם אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה׃ וְגַם אֶת־הַגּוֹי אֲשֶׁר
יַעֲבֹדוּ דָּן אָנֹכִי וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן יֵצְאוּ בִּרְכֻשׁ גָּדוֹל׃

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great. 2. And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou
give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house
is Eliezer of Damascus? 3. And Abram said, Behold to
me thou hast given no seed; and lo, one born in my house
will be my heir. 4. And behold, the word of the Lord
came unto him, saying, This one shall not be thy heir; but
he that shall come forth out of thy own bowels shall be thy
heir. 5. And he brought him forth abroad, and said,
Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if thou be
able to number them; and he said unto him, So shall thy
seed be. 6. And he believed in the Lord; and he ac-
counted it to him for righteousness.* 7. And he said unto
him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the
Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. 8. And he
said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit
it? 9. And he said unto him, Take me a heifer of three
years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of
three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.
10. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in
the midst, and laid each piece one against the other; but the
birds he divided not. 11. And birds of prey came down
upon the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. 12. And
when the sun was about going down, a deep sleep fell upon
Abram; and lo, a horror, dark and great, fell upon him.
13. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy
seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and
they[a] will make them serve, and they will afflict them
four hundred years. 14. And also that nation whom they
will serve, will I judge; and afterward shall they come out
with great substance. 15. But thou shalt go to thy

[a] The inhabitants of the land wherein the seed of Abram was to dwell: see next verse.

15 וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל־אֲבֹתֶיךָ בְּשָׁלוֹם תִּקָּבֵר בְּשֵׂיבָה
16 טוֹבָה׃ וְדוֹר רְבִיעִי יָשׁוּבוּ הֵנָּה כִּי לֹא־שָׁלֵם עֲוֺן
17 הָאֱמֹרִי עַד־הֵנָּה׃ וַיְהִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ בָּאָה וַעֲלָטָה הָיָה
וְהִנֵּה תַנּוּר עָשָׁן וְלַפִּיד אֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר עָבַר בֵּין
18 הַגְּזָרִים הָאֵלֶּה׃ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כָּרַת יְהוָה אֶת־אַבְרָם
בְּרִית לֵאמֹר לְזַרְעֲךָ נָתַתִּי אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
19 מִנְּהַר מִצְרַיִם עַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדֹל נְהַר־פְּרָת׃ אֶת־
20 הַקֵּינִי וְאֶת־הַקְּנִזִּי וְאֵת הַקַּדְמֹנִי׃ וְאֶת־הַחִתִּי וְאֶת־
21 הַפְּרִזִּי וְאֶת־הָרְפָאִים׃ וְאֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי וְאֶת־הַכְּנַעֲנִי
טז 1 וְאֶת־הַגִּרְגָּשִׁי וְאֶת־הַיְבוּסִי׃ ס וְשָׂרַי
אֵשֶׁת אַבְרָם לֹא יָלְדָה לוֹ וְלָהּ שִׁפְחָה מִצְרִית
2 וּשְׁמָהּ הָגָר׃ וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרַי אֶל־אַבְרָם הִנֵּה־נָא
עֲצָרַנִי יְהוָה מִלֶּדֶת בֹּא־נָא אֶל־שִׁפְחָתִי אוּלַי
3 אִבָּנֶה מִמֶּנָּה וַיִּשְׁמַע אַבְרָם לְקוֹל שָׂרָי׃ וַתִּקַּח
שָׂרַי ׀ אֵשֶׁת אַבְרָם אֶת־הָגָר הַמִּצְרִית שִׁפְחָתָהּ
מִקֵּץ עֶשֶׂר שָׁנִים לְשֶׁבֶת אַבְרָם בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן
4 וַתִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ לְאַבְרָם אִישָׁהּ לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה׃ וַיָּבֹא אֶל־
הָגָר וַתַּהַר וַתֵּרֶא כִּי הָרָתָה וַתֵּקַל גְּבִרְתָּהּ
5 בְּעֵינֶיהָ׃ וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרַי אֶל־אַבְרָם חֲמָסִי עָלֶיךָ
אָנֹכִי נָתַתִּי שִׁפְחָתִי בְּחֵיקֶךָ וַתֵּרֶא כִּי הָרָתָה
6 וָאֵקַל בְּעֵינֶיהָ יִשְׁפֹּט יְהוָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶיךָ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר

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fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.
16. Yet the fourth[a] generation shall come hither again; for the iniquity of the Amorites will not be full until then.
17. And it came to pass, that when the sun had gone down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning flame[b] that passed between those pieces.
18. On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.
19. The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,
20. And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaim,
21. And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

CHAP. XVI. 1. Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children; and she had an Egyptian handmaid, whose name was Hagar.
2. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.
3. And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar, the Egyptian, her maid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.
4. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became of little esteem in her eyes.
5. And Sarai said unto Abram, I suffer wrong through thee; I have placed my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became of little esteem in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.
6. But Abram said unto

[a] The fourth generation of those who go down to that land, which was Egypt.—RASHI.

[b] It was customary in olden times, for contracting parties to cut up animals and pass alternately through the pieces.—JER. xxxiv.18.

אַבְרָם אֶל־שָׂרַי הִנֵּה שִׁפְחָתֵךְ בְּיָדֵךְ עֲשִׂי־לָהּ
הַטּוֹב בְּעֵינָיִךְ וַתְּעַנֶּהָ שָׂרַי וַתִּבְרַח מִפָּנֶיהָ׃
7 וַיִּמְצָאָהּ מַלְאַךְ יְהוָה עַל־עֵין הַמַּיִם בַּמִּדְבָּר עַל־
8 הָעַיִן בְּדֶרֶךְ שׁוּר׃ וַיֹּאמַר הָגָר שִׁפְחַת שָׂרַי אֵי־
מִזֶּה בָאת וְאָנָה תֵלֵכִי וַתֹּאמֶר מִפְּנֵי שָׂרַי גְּבִרְתִּי
9 אָנֹכִי בֹּרַחַת׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מַלְאַךְ יְהוָה שׁוּבִי אֶל־
10 גְּבִרְתֵּךְ וְהִתְעַנִּי תַּחַת יָדֶיהָ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מַלְאַךְ
יְהוָה הַרְבָּה אַרְבֶּה אֶת־זַרְעֵךְ וְלֹא יִסָּפֵר מֵרֹב׃
11 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מַלְאַךְ יְהוָה הִנָּךְ הָרָה וְיֹלַדְתְּ בֵּן
וְקָרָאת שְׁמוֹ יִשְׁמָעֵאל כִּי־שָׁמַע יְהוָה אֶל־עָנְיֵךְ׃
12 וְהוּא יִהְיֶה פֶּרֶא אָדָם יָדוֹ בַכֹּל וְיַד כֹּל בּוֹ וְעַל־
13 פְּנֵי כָל־אֶחָיו יִשְׁכֹּן׃ וַתִּקְרָא שֵׁם־יְהוָה הַדֹּבֵר
אֵלֶיהָ אַתָּה אֵל רֳאִי כִּי אָמְרָה הֲגַם הֲלֹם רָאִיתִי
14 אַחֲרֵי רֹאִי׃ עַל־כֵּן קָרָא לַבְּאֵר בְּאֵר לַחַי רֹאִי
15 הִנֵּה בֵין־קָדֵשׁ וּבֵין בָּרֶד׃ וַתֵּלֶד הָגָר לְאַבְרָם בֵּן
וַיִּקְרָא אַבְרָם שֶׁם־בְּנוֹ אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדָה הָגָר יִשְׁמָעֵאל׃
16 וְאַבְרָם בֶּן־שְׁמֹנִים שָׁנָה וְשֵׁשׁ שָׁנִים בְּלֶדֶת־הָגָר
יז אֶת־יִשְׁמָעֵאל לְאַבְרָם׃ ס וַיְהִי
1 אַבְרָם בֶּן־תִּשְׁעִים שָׁנָה וְתֵשַׁע שָׁנִים וַיֵּרָא
יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֲנִי־אֵל שַׁדַּי הִתְהַלֵּךְ
2 לְפָנַי וֶהְיֵה תָמִים׃ וְאֶתְּנָה בְרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ

Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. 7. And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain on the way to Shur. 8. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, From the face of my mistress Sarai I am fleeing. 9. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and will bear a son, and thou shalt call his name Ishmael;[a] because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. 12. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and shall he dwell in the presence of all his brethren. 13. And she called the name of the LORD that spoke unto her, Thou art an all-seeing God; for she said, Have I not also seen a vision after he appeared to me?[b] 14. Wherefore the well was called Beer-lachai-roi: behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 15. And Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16. And Abram was eighty-six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII. 1. And when Abram was ninety and nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2. And I will make my covenant between

[a] *Yishmangel*, "God will hear."

[b] This version is according to Onkelos; Mendelssohn's version is: "Thou art a visible God; for she said, Have I then seen any thing after he that saw me had departed?" Arnheim again is very bold:

3 וְאַרְבֶּה אוֹתְךָ בִּמְאֹד מְאֹד׃ וַיִּפֹּל אַבְרָם עַל־פָּנָיו
4 וַיְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר׃ אֲנִי הִנֵּה בְרִיתִי אִתָּךְ
5 וְהָיִיתָ לְאַב הֲמוֹן גּוֹיִם׃ וְלֹא־יִקָּרֵא עוֹד אֶת־שִׁמְךָ
אַבְרָם וְהָיָה שִׁמְךָ אַבְרָהָם כִּי אַב־הֲמוֹן גּוֹיִם
6 נְתַתִּיךָ׃ וְהִפְרֵתִי אֹתְךָ בִּמְאֹד מְאֹד וּנְתַתִּיךָ לְגוֹיִם
וּמְלָכִים מִמְּךָ יֵצֵאוּ׃ * וַהֲקִמֹתִי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ
7 וּבֵין זַרְעֲךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ לְדֹרֹתָם לִבְרִית עוֹלָם לִהְיוֹת
8 לְךָ לֵאלֹהִים וּלְזַרְעֲךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ׃ וְנָתַתִּי לְךָ וּלְזַרְעֲךָ
אַחֲרֶיךָ אֵת ׀ אֶרֶץ מְגֻרֶיךָ אֵת כָּל־אֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן
9 לַאֲחֻזַּת עוֹלָם וְהָיִיתִי לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
אֱלֹהִים אֶל־אַבְרָהָם וְאַתָּה אֶת־בְּרִיתִי תִשְׁמֹר
10 אַתָּה וְזַרְעֲךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ לְדֹרֹתָם׃ זֹאת בְּרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר
תִּשְׁמְרוּ בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין זַרְעֲךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ הִמּוֹל
11 לָכֶם כָּל־זָכָר׃ וּנְמַלְתֶּם אֵת בְּשַׂר עָרְלַתְכֶם וְהָיָה
12 לְאוֹת בְּרִית בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם׃ וּבֶן־שְׁמֹנַת יָמִים יִמּוֹל
לָכֶם כָּל־זָכָר לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם יְלִיד בָּיִת וּמִקְנַת־כֶּסֶף
13 מִכֹּל בֶּן־נֵכָר אֲשֶׁר לֹא מִזַּרְעֲךָ הוּא׃ הִמּוֹל ׀ יִמּוֹל
יְלִיד בֵּיתְךָ וּמִקְנַת כַּסְפֶּךָ וְהָיְתָה בְרִיתִי בִּבְשַׂרְכֶם
14 לִבְרִית עוֹלָם׃ וְעָרֵל ׀ זָכָר אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִמּוֹל אֶת־
בְּשַׂר עָרְלָתוֹ וְנִכְרְתָה הַנֶּפֶשׁ הַהִוא מֵעַמֶּיהָ אֶת־
15 בְּרִיתִי הֵפַר׃ ס וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־

* שביעי

me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. 3. And Abram fell on his face, and God spoke with him, saying, 4. As for me, behold my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt become the father of a multitude of nations. 5. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for the father of many nations have I made thee. 6. And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will cause thee to become nations; and kings shall come out of thee.* 7. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and between thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant; to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. 8. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou sojournest, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. 9. And God said unto Abraham, But thou shalt keep my covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee, in their generations. 10. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and between thy seed after thee: Every man-child among you shall be circumcised. 11. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and this shall serve as the token of the covenant betwixt me and you. 12. And at eight days old shall every man-child in your generations be circumcised among you, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, who is not of thy seed. 13. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised; and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14. And any uncircumcised male, who circumciseth not the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

"Thou, God of the appearance (of prophecy); for she said, Do I now see here the least, after I have seen (clearly)?" It is a difficult verse, and Onkelos seems to me to be nearer the truth than the later authorities.

אַבְרָהָ֔ם שָׂרַ֣י אִֽשְׁתְּךָ֔ לֹֽא־תִקְרָ֥א אֶת־שְׁמָ֖הּ שָׂרָ֑י
16 כִּ֥י שָׂרָ֖ה שְׁמָֽהּ׃ וּבֵרַכְתִּ֣י אֹתָ֔הּ וְגַ֨ם נָתַ֧תִּי מִמֶּ֛נָּה לְךָ֖
בֵּ֑ן וּבֵֽרַכְתִּ֙יהָ֙ וְהָֽיְתָ֣ה לְגוֹיִ֔ם מַלְכֵ֥י עַמִּ֖ים מִמֶּ֥נָּה
17 יִהְיֽוּ׃ וַיִּפֹּ֧ל אַבְרָהָ֛ם עַל־פָּנָ֖יו וַיִּצְחָ֑ק וַיֹּ֣אמֶר בְּלִבּ֗וֹ
הַלְּבֶ֤ן מֵאָֽה־שָׁנָה֙ יִוָּלֵ֔ד וְאִם־שָׂרָ֔ה הֲבַת־תִּשְׁעִ֥ים
18 שָׁנָ֖ה תֵּלֵֽד׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר אַבְרָהָ֖ם אֶל־הָֽאֱלֹהִ֑ים ל֥וּ
19 יִשְׁמָעֵ֖אל יִחְיֶ֥ה לְפָנֶֽיךָ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֱלֹהִ֗ים אֲבָל֙ שָׂרָ֣ה
אִשְׁתְּךָ֗ יֹלֶ֤דֶת לְךָ֙ בֵּ֔ן וְקָרָ֥אתָ אֶת־שְׁמ֖וֹ יִצְחָ֑ק
וַהֲקִמֹתִ֨י אֶת־בְּרִיתִ֥י אִתּ֛וֹ לִבְרִ֥ית עוֹלָ֖ם לְזַרְע֥וֹ
20 אַחֲרָֽיו׃ וּֽלְיִשְׁמָעֵאל֮ שְׁמַעְתִּיךָ֒ הִנֵּ֣ה ׀ בֵּרַ֣כְתִּי אֹת֗וֹ
וְהִפְרֵיתִ֥י אֹת֛וֹ וְהִרְבֵּיתִ֥י אֹת֖וֹ בִּמְאֹ֣ד מְאֹ֑ד שְׁנֵים־
21 עָשָׂ֤ר נְשִׂיאִם֙ יוֹלִ֔יד וּנְתַתִּ֖יו לְג֥וֹי גָּדֽוֹל׃ וְאֶת־בְּרִיתִ֖י
אָקִ֣ים אֶת־יִצְחָ֑ק אֲשֶׁר֩ תֵּלֵ֨ד לְךָ֤ שָׂרָה֙ לַמּוֹעֵ֣ד הַזֶּ֔ה
22 בַּשָּׁנָ֖ה הָאַחֶֽרֶת׃ וַיְכַ֖ל לְדַבֵּ֣ר אִתּ֑וֹ וַיַּ֣עַל אֱלֹהִ֔ים מֵעַ֖ל
23 אַבְרָהָֽם׃ וַיִּקַּ֨ח אַבְרָהָ֜ם אֶת־יִשְׁמָעֵ֣אל בְּנ֗וֹ וְאֵ֨ת כָּל־
יְלִידֵ֤י בֵיתוֹ֙ וְאֵת֙ כָּל־מִקְנַ֣ת כַּסְפּ֔וֹ כָּל־זָכָ֕ר בְּאַנְשֵׁ֖י
בֵּ֣ית אַבְרָהָ֑ם וַיָּ֜מָל אֶת־בְּשַׂ֣ר עָרְלָתָ֗ם בְּעֶ֨צֶם֙
24 הַיּ֣וֹם הַזֶּ֔ה כַּאֲשֶׁ֛ר דִּבֶּ֥ר אִתּ֖וֹ אֱלֹהִֽים׃ * וְאַ֨בְרָהָ֔ם
בֶּן־תִּשְׁעִ֥ים וָתֵ֖שַׁע שָׁנָ֑ה בְּהִמֹּל֖וֹ בְּשַׂ֥ר עָרְלָתֽוֹ׃
25 וְיִשְׁמָעֵ֣אל בְּנ֔וֹ בֶּן־שְׁלֹ֥שׁ עֶשְׂרֵ֖ה שָׁנָ֑ה בְּהִ֨מֹּל֔וֹ
26 אֵ֖ת בְּשַׂ֥ר עָרְלָתֽוֹ׃ בְּעֶ֨צֶם֙ הַיּ֣וֹם הַזֶּ֔ה נִמּ֖וֹל אַבְרָהָ֑ם

* מפטיר

15. And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife,
thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah[a] shall her
name be. 16. And I will bless her, and give thee a son
also of her: yea I will bless her, and she shall be a mother
of nations; kings of people shall spring from her. 17. Then
Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his
heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred
years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?
18. And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might
live before thee![b] 19. And God said, Truly Sarah thy
wife shall bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name
Isaac;[c] and I will establish my covenant with him for an
everlasting covenant, for his seed after him. 20. And as
for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him,
and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceed-
ingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him
a great nation. 21. But my covenant will I establish with
Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in
the next year. 22. And he left off talking with him, and
God went up from Abraham. 23. And Abraham took
Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house,
and all that were bought with his money, every male
among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the
flesh of their foreskin on the self-same day, as God had
spoken unto him.* 24. And Abraham was ninety and nine
years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his
foreskin. 25. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old,
when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
26. On the self-same day was Abraham circumcised,

[a] "Princess;" so Abraham signifies Abir-hamone, a chief of a multitude; or, Ab-hamone, the father of a multitude; the first is from Dubno's Commentary, the second from Rashi.

[b] To please thee.

[c] *Yitzchak*, from צחק Tzachak, "to laugh."

27 וְיִשְׁמָעֵאל בְּנוֹ׃ וְכָל־אַנְשֵׁי בֵיתוֹ יְלִיד בָּיִת וּמִקְנַת־
כֶּסֶף מֵאֵת בֶּן־נֵכָר נִמֹּלוּ אִתּוֹ׃ פ
יח 1 וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו יְהוָה בְּאֵלֹנֵי מַמְרֵא וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב פֶּתַח־
2 הָאֹהֶל כְּחֹם הַיּוֹם׃ וַיִּשָּׂא עֵינָיו וַיַּרְא וְהִנֵּה שְׁלֹשָׁה
אֲנָשִׁים נִצָּבִים עָלָיו וַיַּרְא וַיָּרָץ לִקְרָאתָם מִפֶּתַח
3 הָאֹהֶל וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אָרְצָה׃ וַיֹּאמַר אֲדֹנָי אִם־נָא מָצָאתִי
4 חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אַל־נָא תַעֲבֹר מֵעַל עַבְדֶּךָ׃ יֻקַּח־נָא מְעַט־
5 מַיִם וְרַחֲצוּ רַגְלֵיכֶם וְהִשָּׁעֲנוּ תַּחַת הָעֵץ׃ וְאֶקְחָה
פַת־לֶחֶם וְסַעֲדוּ לִבְּכֶם אַחַר תַּעֲבֹרוּ כִּי־עַל־כֵּן
עֲבַרְתֶּם עַל־עַבְדְּכֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ כֵּן תַּעֲשֶׂה כַּאֲשֶׁר
6 דִּבַּרְתָּ׃ וַיְמַהֵר אַבְרָהָם הָאֹהֱלָה אֶל־שָׂרָה וַיֹּאמֶר
מַהֲרִי שְׁלֹשׁ סְאִים קֶמַח סֹלֶת לוּשִׁי וַעֲשִׂי עֻגוֹת׃
7 וְאֶל־הַבָּקָר רָץ אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח בֶּן־בָּקָר רַךְ וָטוֹב
8 וַיִּתֵּן אֶל־הַנַּעַר וַיְמַהֵר לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתוֹ׃ וַיִּקַּח חֶמְאָה
וְחָלָב וּבֶן־הַבָּקָר אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּתֵּן לִפְנֵיהֶם וְהוּא
9 עֹמֵד עֲלֵיהֶם תַּחַת הָעֵץ וַיֹּאכֵלוּ׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו*
10 אַיֵּה שָׂרָה אִשְׁתֶּךָ וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה בָאֹהֶל׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
שׁוֹב אָשׁוּב אֵלֶיךָ כָּעֵת חַיָּה וְהִנֵּה־בֵן לְשָׂרָה
11 אִשְׁתֶּךָ וְשָׂרָה שֹׁמַעַת פֶּתַח הָאֹהֶל וְהוּא אַחֲרָיו׃
וְאַבְרָהָם וְשָׂרָה זְקֵנִים בָּאִים בַּיָּמִים חָדַל לִהְיוֹת
12 לְשָׂרָה אֹרַח כַּנָּשִׁים׃ וַתִּצְחַק שָׂרָה בְּקִרְבָּהּ לֵאמֹר

* נקוד על א״יו

with Ishmael his son. 27. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

VAYERA.
CHAP. XVIII.

1. And the Lord appeared unto him in the grove of Mamre; while he was sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day; 2. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood near him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the door of the tent, and bowed himself toward the ground, 3. And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant. 4. Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5. And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts, after that ye shall pass on; since ye have passed by your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. 6. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes. 7. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man, and he hastened to dress it. 8. And he took cream and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. 9. And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. 10. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee at this time next year;[a] and lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it at the door of the tent, which was behind him. 11. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After

[a] Rashi; Arnheim very ingeniously renders it, "at the time of the recovery," *i. e.* of Sarah, after the birth of the promised child, taking חיה for recovery.

13 אַחֲרֵי בְלֹתִי הָיְתָה־לִּי עֶדְנָה וַאדֹנִי זָקֵן׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָהָם לָמָּה זֶּה צָחֲקָה שָׂרָה לֵאמֹר
14 הַאַף אֻמְנָם אֵלֵד וַאֲנִי זָקַנְתִּי׃ הֲיִפָּלֵא מֵיְהוָה דָּבָר
לַמּוֹעֵד אָשׁוּב אֵלֶיךָ כָּעֵת חַיָּה וּלְשָׂרָה בֵן׃ *
15 וַתְּכַחֵשׁ שָׂרָה ׀ לֵאמֹר לֹא צָחַקְתִּי כִּי ׀ יָרֵאָה וַיֹּאמֶר ׀
16 לֹא כִּי צָחָקְתְּ׃ וַיָּקֻמוּ מִשָּׁם הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיַּשְׁקִפוּ עַל־
17 פְּנֵי סְדֹם וְאַבְרָהָם הֹלֵךְ עִמָּם לְשַׁלְּחָם׃ וַיהוָה
אָמָר הַמְכַסֶּה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה׃
18 וְאַבְרָהָם הָיוֹ יִהְיֶה לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל וְעָצוּם וְנִבְרְכוּ־בוֹ
19 כֹּל גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ׃ כִּי יְדַעְתִּיו לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יְצַוֶּה אֶת־
בָּנָיו וְאֶת־בֵּיתוֹ אַחֲרָיו וְשָׁמְרוּ דֶּרֶךְ יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת
צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט לְמַעַן הָבִיא יְהוָה עַל־אַבְרָהָם אֵת
20 אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר עָלָיו׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה זַעֲקַת סְדֹם וַעֲמֹרָה
21 כִּי־רָבָּה וְחַטָּאתָם כִּי כָבְדָה מְאֹד׃ אֵרְדָה־נָּא
וְאֶרְאֶה הַכְּצַעֲקָתָהּ הַבָּאָה אֵלַי עָשׂוּ ׀ כָּלָה וְאִם־לֹא
22 אֵדָעָה׃ וַיִּפְנוּ מִשָּׁם הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיֵּלְכוּ סְדֹמָה וְאַבְרָהָם
23 עוֹדֶנּוּ עֹמֵד לִפְנֵי יְהוָה׃ וַיִּגַּשׁ אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמַר הַאַף
24 תִּסְפֶּה צַדִּיק עִם־רָשָׁע׃ אוּלַי יֵשׁ חֲמִשִּׁים צַדִּיקִם
בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר הַאַף תִּסְפֶּה וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא לַמָּקוֹם
25 לְמַעַן חֲמִשִּׁים הַצַּדִּיקִם אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבָּהּ׃ חָלִלָה לְּךָ
מֵעֲשֹׂת ׀ כַּדָּבָר הַזֶּה לְהָמִית צַדִּיק עִם־רָשָׁע

* שני

I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? 13. And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, since I am old? 14. Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, at this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son. 15. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid; but he said, Nay; indeed thou didst laugh. 16. And the men rose up from there and looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17. And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about doing? 18. Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19. For I know[a] him, that he will command his children and his household after him, that they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice; in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken concerning him. 20. And the LORD said, Because the cry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous: 21. I will go down now, and see whether they have done according to the cry against them, which is come unto me, destruction shall come upon them; and if not, I will know.[b] 22. And the men turned their faces from there, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. 23. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou then destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24. Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou then also destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous that are therein? 25. Far be it from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked,

[a] "Love him."—RASHI. "It is revealed before me."—ONKELOS.

[b] "Spare them."—MENDELSSOHN. Onkelos agrees with this, but

וְהָיָה כַצַּדִּיק כָּרָשָׁע חָלִלָה לָּךְ הֲשֹׁפֵט כָּל־הָאָרֶץ
26 לֹא יַעֲשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אִם־אֶמְצָא בִסְדֹם
חֲמִשִּׁים צַדִּיקִם בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר וְנָשָׂאתִי לְכָל־
27 הַמָּקוֹם בַּעֲבוּרָם׃ וַיַּעַן אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמַר הִנֵּה־נָא
28 הוֹאַלְתִּי לְדַבֵּר אֶל־אֲדֹנָי וְאָנֹכִי עָפָר וָאֵפֶר׃ אוּלַי
יַחְסְרוּן חֲמִשִּׁים הַצַּדִּיקִם חֲמִשָּׁה הֲתַשְׁחִית
בַּחֲמִשָּׁה אֶת־כָּל־הָעִיר וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אַשְׁחִית אִם־
29 אֶמְצָא שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים וַחֲמִשָּׁה׃ וַיֹּסֶף עוֹד לְדַבֵּר
אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמַר אוּלַי יִמָּצְאוּן שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים וַיֹּאמֶר
30 לֹא אֶעֱשֶׂה בַּעֲבוּר הָאַרְבָּעִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אַל־נָא
יִחַר לַאדֹנָי וַאֲדַבֵּרָה אוּלַי יִמָּצְאוּן שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים
וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֶעֱשֶׂה אִם־אֶמְצָא שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים׃
31 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה־נָא הוֹאַלְתִּי לְדַבֵּר אֶל־אֲדֹנָי אוּלַי
יִמָּצְאוּן שָׁם עֶשְׂרִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אַשְׁחִית בַּעֲבוּר
32 הָעֶשְׂרִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אַל־נָא יִחַר לַאדֹנָי וַאֲדַבְּרָה
אַךְ־הַפַּעַם אוּלַי יִמָּצְאוּן שָׁם עֲשָׂרָה וַיֹּאמֶר
33 לֹא אַשְׁחִית בַּעֲבוּר הָעֲשָׂרָה׃ וַיֵּלֶךְ יְהוָה כַּאֲשֶׁר
יט כִּלָּה לְדַבֵּר אֶל־אַבְרָהָם וְאַבְרָהָם שָׁב לִמְקֹמוֹ׃*
1 וַיָּבֹאוּ שְׁנֵי הַמַּלְאָכִים סְדֹמָה בָּעֶרֶב וְלוֹט
יֹשֵׁב בְּשַׁעַר־סְדֹם וַיַּרְא־לוֹט וַיָּקָם לִקְרָאתָם
2 וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אַפַּיִם אָרְצָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֶּה נָּא־אֲדֹנַי

* שלישי

and that the righteous should be as the wicked;[a] far be this from thee; shall the Judge of all the earth not exercise justice? 26. And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. 27. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, and I am but dust and ashes: 28. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous; wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy, if I find there forty and five. 29. And he spoke yet again unto him, and said, Peradventure there shall be found there forty. And he said, I will not do it for the sake of the forty. 30. And he said unto him, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall be found there thirty. And he said, I will not do it, if I find there thirty. 31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be found there twenty. And he said, I will not destroy, for the sake of the twenty. 32. And he said, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure there shall be found there ten. And he said, I will not destroy, for the sake of the ten. 33. And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place.*

CHAP. XIX.

1. And two angels came to Sodom at even, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom; and when Lot saw them he rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. 2. And he said, Behold now, my lords,

adds, "if they repent," against the previous complete destruction "if they do not repent."

[a] For when an indiscriminate destruction of the cities should take place, all the inhabitants, whether good or wicked, would necessarily have to share the same fate; Abraham therefore asked that the mercy which the righteous deserved, might, in order to save them, stay the

סוּרוּ נָ֠א אֶל־בֵּ֨ית עַבְדְּכֶ֤ם וְלִ֙ינוּ֙ וְרַחֲצ֣וּ רַגְלֵיכֶ֔ם
וְהִשְׁכַּמְתֶּ֖ם וַהֲלַכְתֶּ֣ם לְדַרְכְּכֶ֑ם וַיֹּאמְר֣וּ לֹּ֔א
3 כִּ֥י בָרְח֖וֹב נָלִֽין׃ וַיִּפְצַר־בָּ֣ם מְאֹ֔ד וַיָּסֻ֣רוּ אֵלָ֔יו
וַיָּבֹ֖אוּ אֶל־בֵּית֑וֹ וַיַּ֤עַשׂ לָהֶם֙ מִשְׁתֶּ֔ה וּמַצּ֥וֹת
4 אָפָ֖ה וַיֹּאכֵֽלוּ׃ טֶרֶם֮ יִשְׁכָּבוּ֒ וְאַנְשֵׁ֨י הָעִ֜יר אַנְשֵׁ֤י
סְדֹם֙ נָסַ֣בּוּ עַל־הַבַּ֔יִת מִנַּ֖עַר וְעַד־זָקֵ֑ן כָּל־הָעָ֖ם
5 מִקָּצֶֽה׃ וַיִּקְרְא֤וּ אֶל־לוֹט֙ וַיֹּ֣אמְרוּ ל֔וֹ אַיֵּ֧ה
הָאֲנָשִׁ֛ים אֲשֶׁר־בָּ֥אוּ אֵלֶ֖יךָ הַלָּ֑יְלָה הוֹצִיאֵ֣ם אֵלֵ֔ינוּ
6 וְנֵדְעָ֖ה אֹתָֽם׃ וַיֵּצֵ֧א אֲלֵהֶ֛ם ל֖וֹט הַפֶּ֑תְחָה וְהַדֶּ֖לֶת
7 8 סָגַ֥ר אַחֲרָֽיו׃ וַיֹּאמַ֑ר אַל־נָ֥א אַחַ֖י תָּרֵֽעוּ׃ הִנֵּה־נָ֨א
לִ֜י שְׁתֵּ֣י בָנ֗וֹת אֲשֶׁ֤ר לֹא־יָֽדְעוּ֙ אִ֔ישׁ אוֹצִֽיאָה־נָּ֤א
אֶתְהֶן֙ אֲלֵיכֶ֔ם וַעֲשׂ֣וּ לָהֶ֔ן כַּטּ֖וֹב בְּעֵינֵיכֶ֑ם רַ֠ק
לָֽאֲנָשִׁ֤ים הָאֵל֙ אַל־תַּעֲשׂ֣וּ דָבָ֔ר כִּֽי־עַל־כֵּ֥ן בָּ֖אוּ
9 בְּצֵ֥ל קֹרָתִֽי׃ וַיֹּאמְר֣וּ ׀ גֶּשׁ־הָ֗לְאָה וַיֹּֽאמְרוּ֙ הָאֶחָ֤ד
בָּֽא־לָגוּר֙ וַיִּשְׁפֹּ֣ט שָׁפ֔וֹט עַתָּ֕ה נָרַ֥ע לְךָ֖ מֵהֶ֑ם
וַיִּפְצְר֨וּ בָאִ֤ישׁ בְּלוֹט֙ מְאֹ֔ד וַֽיִּגְּשׁ֖וּ לִשְׁבֹּ֥ר הַדָּֽלֶת׃
10 וַיִּשְׁלְח֤וּ הָֽאֲנָשִׁים֙ אֶת־יָדָ֔ם וַיָּבִ֧יאוּ אֶת־ל֛וֹט
11 אֲלֵיהֶ֖ם הַבָּ֑יְתָה וְאֶת־הַדֶּ֖לֶת סָגָֽרוּ׃ וְֽאֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁ֞ים
אֲשֶׁר־פֶּ֣תַח הַבַּ֗יִת הִכּוּ֙ בַּסַּנְוֵרִ֔ים מִקָּטֹ֖ן וְעַד־
12 גָּד֑וֹל וַיִּלְא֖וּ לִמְצֹ֥א הַפָּֽתַח׃ וַיֹּאמְר֨וּ הָאֲנָשִׁ֜ים
אֶל־ל֗וֹט עֹ֚ד מִֽי־לְךָ֣ פֹ֔ה חָתָן֙ וּבָנֶ֣יךָ וּבְנֹתֶ֔יךָ

turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3. And he pressed upon them greatly, and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they did eat. 4. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5. And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men who came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. 6. And Lot went out unto them, at the entrance (of the house), and shut the door after him, 7. And said, I pray you, brethren, do not act wickedly. 8. Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes; only unto these men do nothing, since they have come under the shadow of my roof. 9. And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one man came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge; now will we deal worse with thee than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man Lot, and they came near to break the door. 10. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. 11. And they smote the men that were at the entrance of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the entrance. 12. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? a son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy

doom which was impending over the cities in which they dwelt; and being at once assured that divine justice would discriminate, he grew bolder in his prayer, till at length he was certified that even ten should cause the suspension of the punishment.

13 וְכֹל֙ אֲשֶׁר־לְךָ֣ בָּעִ֔יר הוֹצֵ֖א מִן־הַמָּקֽוֹם׃ כִּֽי־
מַשְׁחִתִ֣ים אֲנַ֔חְנוּ אֶת־הַמָּק֖וֹם הַזֶּ֑ה כִּֽי־גָדְלָ֤ה
צַעֲקָתָם֙ אֶת־פְּנֵ֣י יְהוָ֔ה וַיְשַׁלְּחֵ֥נוּ יְהוָ֖ה לְשַׁחֲתָֽהּ׃
14 וַיֵּצֵ֨א ל֜וֹט וַיְדַבֵּ֣ר ׀ אֶל־חֲתָנָ֣יו ׀ לֹקְחֵ֣י בְנֹתָ֗יו וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙
ק֤וּמוּ צְּאוּ֙ מִן־הַמָּק֣וֹם הַזֶּ֔ה כִּֽי־מַשְׁחִ֥ית יְהוָ֖ה אֶת־
15 הָעִ֑יר וַיְהִ֥י כִמְצַחֵ֖ק בְּעֵינֵ֥י חֲתָנָֽיו׃ וּכְמוֹ֙ הַשַּׁ֣חַר
עָלָ֔ה וַיָּאִ֥יצוּ הַמַּלְאָכִ֖ים בְּל֣וֹט לֵאמֹ֑ר ק֠וּם קַ֨ח אֶֽת־
אִשְׁתְּךָ֜ וְאֶת־שְׁתֵּ֤י בְנֹתֶ֙יךָ֙ הַנִּמְצָאֹ֔ת פֶּן־תִּסָּפֶ֖ה
16 בַּעֲוֺ֥ן הָעִֽיר׃ וַיִּתְמַהְמָ֓הּ ׀ וַיַּחֲזִ֨יקוּ הָאֲנָשִׁ֜ים בְּיָד֣וֹ
וּבְיַד־אִשְׁתּ֗וֹ וּבְיַד֙ שְׁתֵּ֣י בְנֹתָ֔יו בְּחֶמְלַ֥ת יְהוָ֖ה עָלָ֑יו
17 וַיֹּצִאֻ֥הוּ וַיַּנִּחֻ֖הוּ מִח֥וּץ לָעִֽיר׃ וַיְהִי֩ כְהוֹצִיאָ֨ם אֹתָ֜ם
הַח֗וּצָה וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ הִמָּלֵ֣ט עַל־נַפְשֶׁ֔ךָ אַל־תַּבִּ֣יט אַחֲרֶ֔יךָ
וְאַל־תַּעֲמֹ֖ד בְּכָל־הַכִּכָּ֑ר הָהָ֥רָה הִמָּלֵ֖ט פֶּן־תִּסָּפֶֽה׃
18 19 וַיֹּ֥אמֶר ל֖וֹט אֲלֵהֶ֑ם אַל־נָ֖א אֲדֹנָֽי׃ הִנֵּה־נָ֨א מָצָ֜א
עַבְדְּךָ֮ חֵן֒ בְּעֵינֶ֗יךָ וַתַּגְדֵּ֤ל חַסְדְּךָ֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר עָשִׂ֔יתָ
עִמָּדִ֔י לְהַחֲי֖וֹת אֶת־נַפְשִׁ֑י וְאָנֹכִ֗י לֹ֤א אוּכַל֙ לְהִמָּלֵ֣ט
20 הָהָ֔רָה פֶּן־תִּדְבָּקַ֥נִי הָרָעָ֖ה וָמַֽתִּי׃ הִנֵּה־נָ֠א הָעִ֨יר
הַזֹּ֧את קְרֹבָ֛ה לָנ֥וּס שָׁ֖מָּה וְהִ֣וא מִצְעָ֑ר אִמָּלְטָ֨ה
21 נָּ֜א שָׁ֗מָּה הֲלֹ֛א מִצְעָ֥ר הִ֖וא וּתְחִ֥י נַפְשִֽׁי׃ * וַיֹּ֣אמֶר
אֵלָ֔יו הִנֵּה֙ נָשָׂ֣אתִי פָנֶ֔יךָ גַּ֖ם לַדָּבָ֣ר הַזֶּ֑ה לְבִלְתִּ֛י
22 הָפְכִּ֥י אֶת־הָעִ֖יר אֲשֶׁ֥ר דִּבַּֽרְתָּ׃ מַהֵר֙ הִמָּלֵ֣ט שָׁ֔מָּה

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daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring out of this place; 13. For we will destroy this place, because the cry[a] against them is waxed great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. 14. And Lot went out and spoke unto his sons-in-law, who were to marry[b] his daughters, and said, Up, get ye out of this place, for the LORD will destroy this city; but he seemed as one that mocked in the eyes of his sons-in-law. 15. And as the morning dawn arose, the angels urged Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters that are here, lest thou be consumed for the iniquity of the city. 16. And while he lingered, the men laid hold of his hand, and of the hand of his wife, and of the hand of his two daughters, because the LORD desired to spare him; and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. 17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life, look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. 18. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord! 19. Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy kindness, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest the evil overtake me, and I die. 20. Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is little; Oh, let me escape thither, (as it is but little,) that my soul may live.* 21. And he said unto him, See, I have favoured thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, of which thou hast spoken. 22. Haste thee, escape

[a] "Cry" means the greatness of the sin has become so apparent as to demand, "cry out," for vengeance against the transgressors. See above, iv. 10.

[b] MENDELSSOHN; who understands the participle in the text as "about to take;" but RASHI divides the words so, "His sons in-law, he had two daughters married in the city; the takers of his daughters, those to whom those at home were betrothed."

כִּי לֹא אוּכַל לַעֲשׂוֹת דָּבָר עַד־בֹּאֲךָ שָׁמָּה עַל־
23 כֵּן קָרָא שֵׁם־הָעִיר צוֹעַר׃ הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ יָצָא עַל־
24 הָאָרֶץ וְלוֹט בָּא צֹעֲרָה׃ וַיהוָה הִמְטִיר עַל־סְדֹם
וְעַל־עֲמֹרָה גָּפְרִית וָאֵשׁ מֵאֵת יְהוָה מִן־הַשָּׁמָיִם׃
25 וַיַּהֲפֹךְ אֶת־הֶעָרִים הָאֵל וְאֵת כָּל־הַכִּכָּר וְאֵת
26 כָּל־יֹשְׁבֵי הֶעָרִים וְצֶמַח הָאֲדָמָה׃ וַתַּבֵּט אִשְׁתּוֹ
27 מֵאַחֲרָיו וַתְּהִי נְצִיב מֶלַח׃ וַיַּשְׁכֵּם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֹּקֶר
28 אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־עָמַד שָׁם אֶת־פְּנֵי יְהוָה׃ וַיַּשְׁקֵף
עַל־פְּנֵי סְדֹם וַעֲמֹרָה וְעַל כָּל־פְּנֵי אֶרֶץ הַכִּכָּר
29 וַיַּרְא וְהִנֵּה עָלָה קִיטֹר הָאָרֶץ כְּקִיטֹר הַכִּבְשָׁן׃
וַיְהִי בְּשַׁחֵת אֱלֹהִים אֶת־עָרֵי הַכִּכָּר וַיִּזְכֹּר
אֱלֹהִים אֶת־אַבְרָהָם וַיְשַׁלַּח אֶת־לוֹט מִתּוֹךְ
הַהֲפֵכָה בַּהֲפֹךְ אֶת־הֶעָרִים אֲשֶׁר־יָשַׁב בָּהֵן
30 לוֹט׃ וַיַּעַל לוֹט מִצּוֹעַר וַיֵּשֶׁב בָּהָר וּשְׁתֵּי בְנֹתָיו
עִמּוֹ כִּי יָרֵא לָשֶׁבֶת בְּצוֹעַר וַיֵּשֶׁב בַּמְּעָרָה הוּא
31 וּשְׁתֵּי בְנֹתָיו׃ וַתֹּאמֶר הַבְּכִירָה אֶל־הַצְּעִירָה
אָבִינוּ זָקֵן וְאִישׁ אֵין בָּאָרֶץ לָבוֹא עָלֵינוּ כְּדֶרֶךְ
32 כָּל־הָאָרֶץ׃ לְכָה נַשְׁקֶה אֶת־אָבִינוּ יַיִן וְנִשְׁכְּבָה
33 עִמּוֹ וּנְחַיֶּה מֵאָבִינוּ זָרַע׃ וַתַּשְׁקֶיןָ אֶת־אֲבִיהֶן
יַיִן בַּלַּיְלָה הוּא וַתָּבֹא הַבְּכִירָה וַתִּשְׁכַּב אֶת־
34 אָבִיהָ וְלֹא־יָדַע בְּשִׁכְבָהּ וּבְקוּמָהּ*׃ וַיְהִי מִמָּחֳרָת

* נקוד על ו

thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou hast come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.[a] 23. The sun rose upon the earth, when Lot entered into Zoar. 24. And the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire, from the LORD out of heaven; 25. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. 26. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27. And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD: 28. And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. 29. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham,[b] and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot had dwelled. 30. And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he dwelt in a cave, he, and his two daughters. 31. And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the country to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: 32. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 33. And they made their father drink wine that night; and the first-born went in, and lay with her father, and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 34. And it came to pass on

[a] "Little."

[b] Not for any particular merit in Lot, although he was not so corrupt as the other men of Sodom; but because he was a kinsman of Abraham; for the sake of Abraham's virtue was Lot spared. See EXOD. xx. 6.

וַתֹּ֤אמֶר הַבְּכִירָה֙ אֶל־הַצְּעִירָ֔ה הֵן־שָׁכַ֥בְתִּי אֶ֖מֶשׁ
אֶת־אָבִ֑י נַשְׁקֶ֨נּוּ יַ֜יִן גַּם־הַלַּ֗יְלָה וּבֹ֙אִי֙ שִׁכְבִ֣י עִמּ֔וֹ
35 וּנְחַיֶּ֥ה מֵאָבִ֖ינוּ זָֽרַע׃ וַתַּשְׁקֶ֜יןָ גַּ֣ם בַּלַּ֧יְלָה הַה֛וּא
אֶת־אֲבִיהֶ֖ן יָ֑יִן וַתָּ֤קָם הַצְּעִירָה֙ וַתִּשְׁכַּ֣ב עִמּ֔וֹ וְלֹֽא־
36 יָדַ֥ע בְּשִׁכְבָ֖הּ וּבְקֻמָֽהּ׃ וַֽתַּהֲרֶ֛יןָ שְׁתֵּ֥י בְנֽוֹת־ל֖וֹט
37 מֵאֲבִיהֶֽן׃ וַתֵּ֤לֶד הַבְּכִירָה֙ בֵּ֔ן וַתִּקְרָ֥א שְׁמ֖וֹ מוֹאָ֑ב
38 ה֥וּא אֲבִֽי־מוֹאָ֖ב עַד־הַיּֽוֹם׃ וְהַצְּעִירָ֤ה גַם־הִוא֙ יָ֣לְדָה
כ בֵּ֔ן וַתִּקְרָ֥א שְׁמ֖וֹ בֶּן־עַמִּ֑י ה֛וּא אֲבִ֥י בְנֵי־עַמּ֖וֹן עַד־
1 הַיּֽוֹם׃ ס וַיִּסַּ֨ע מִשָּׁ֤ם אַבְרָהָם֙ אַ֣רְצָה
2 הַנֶּ֔גֶב וַיֵּ֥שֶׁב בֵּין־קָדֵ֖שׁ וּבֵ֣ין שׁ֑וּר וַיָּ֖גָר בִּגְרָֽר׃ וַיֹּ֧אמֶר
אַבְרָהָ֛ם אֶל־שָׂרָ֥ה אִשְׁתּ֖וֹ אֲחֹ֣תִי הִ֑וא וַיִּשְׁלַ֗ח
3 אֲבִימֶ֙לֶךְ֙ מֶ֣לֶךְ גְּרָ֔ר וַיִּקַּ֖ח אֶת־שָׂרָֽה׃ וַיָּבֹ֧א אֱלֹהִ֛ים
אֶל־אֲבִימֶ֖לֶךְ בַּחֲל֣וֹם הַלָּ֑יְלָה וַיֹּ֣אמֶר ל֗וֹ הִנְּךָ֥
מֵת֙ עַל־הָאִשָּׁ֣ה אֲשֶׁר־לָקַ֔חְתָּ וְהִ֖וא בְּעֻ֥לַת בָּֽעַל׃
4 וַאֲבִימֶ֕לֶךְ לֹ֥א קָרַ֖ב אֵלֶ֑יהָ וַיֹּאמַ֕ר אֲדֹנָ֕י הֲג֥וֹי גַּם־
5 צַדִּ֖יק תַּהֲרֹֽג׃ הֲלֹ֨א ה֤וּא אָֽמַר־לִי֙ אֲחֹ֣תִי הִ֔וא וְהִֽיא־
גַם־ה֥וּא אָמְרָ֖ה אָחִ֣י ה֑וּא בְּתָם־לְבָבִ֛י וּבְנִקְיֹ֥ן כַּפַּ֖י
6 עָשִׂ֥יתִי זֹֽאת׃ וַיֹּאמֶר֩ אֵלָ֨יו הָֽאֱלֹהִ֜ים בַּחֲלֹ֗ם גַּ֣ם
אָנֹכִ֤י יָדַ֙עְתִּי֙ כִּ֤י בְתָם־לְבָבְךָ֙ עָשִׂ֣יתָ זֹּ֔את וָאֶחְשֹׂ֧ךְ
גַּם־אָנֹכִ֛י אוֹתְךָ֖ מֵחֲטוֹ־לִ֑י עַל־כֵּ֥ן לֹֽא־נְתַתִּ֖יךָ לִנְגֹּ֥עַ
7 אֵלֶֽיהָ׃ וְעַתָּ֗ה הָשֵׁ֤ב אֵֽשֶׁת־הָאִישׁ֙ כִּֽי־נָבִ֣יא ה֔וּא

the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father; let us make him drink wine this night also, and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 35. And they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger arose, and lay with him, and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 36. And both the daughters of Lot became with child by their father. 37. And the first-born bore a son, and called his name Moab;[a] the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. 38. And the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi:[b] the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX. 1. And Abraham journeyed from there toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. 2. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister; and Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. 3. But God came to Abimelech in the dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou shalt die for the sake of the woman whom thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. 4. But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?[c] 5. Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself, said, He is my brother; In the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. 6. And God said unto him in the dream, Yea I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; therefore did I also withhold thee from sinning against me: for this cause I suffered thee not to touch her. 7. And now restore the man's wife, for he is a

[a] "From my father."

[b] "The son of my people."

[c] This speech of Abimelech proves that the nations of Palestine were acquainted with the moral laws, hence their transgressions were sinful.

וְיִתְפַּלֵּל בַּעַדְךָ וֶחְיֵה וְאִם־אֵינְךָ מֵשִׁיב דַּע כִּי־מוֹת
8 תָּמוּת אַתָּה וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לָךְ׃ וַיַּשְׁכֵּם אֲבִימֶלֶךְ בַּבֹּקֶר
וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־עֲבָדָיו וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים
9 הָאֵלֶּה בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם וַיִּירְאוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים מְאֹד׃ וַיִּקְרָא
אֲבִימֶלֶךְ לְאַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מֶה־עָשִׂיתָ לָּנוּ וּמֶה־
חָטָאתִי לָךְ כִּי־הֵבֵאתָ עָלַי וְעַל־מַמְלַכְתִּי חֲטָאָה
גְדֹלָה מַעֲשִׂים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יֵעָשׂוּ עָשִׂיתָ עִמָּדִי׃
10 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבִימֶלֶךְ אֶל־אַבְרָהָם מָה רָאִיתָ כִּי עָשִׂיתָ
11 אֶת־הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם כִּי אָמַרְתִּי רַק
אֵין־יִרְאַת אֱלֹהִים בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וַהֲרָגוּנִי עַל־דְּבַר
12 אִשְׁתִּי׃ וְגַם־אָמְנָה אֲחֹתִי בַת־אָבִי הִוא אַךְ לֹא בַת־
13 אִמִּי וַתְּהִי־לִי לְאִשָּׁה׃ וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר הִתְעוּ אֹתִי
אֱלֹהִים מִבֵּית אָבִי וָאֹמַר לָהּ זֶה חַסְדֵּךְ אֲשֶׁר
תַּעֲשִׂי עִמָּדִי אֶל כָּל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר נָבוֹא שָׁמָּה
14 אִמְרִי־לִי אָחִי הוּא׃ וַיִּקַּח אֲבִימֶלֶךְ צֹאן וּבָקָר
וַעֲבָדִים וּשְׁפָחֹת וַיִּתֵּן לְאַבְרָהָם וַיָּשֶׁב לוֹ אֵת
15 שָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבִימֶלֶךְ הִנֵּה אַרְצִי לְפָנֶיךָ
16 בַּטּוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ שֵׁב׃ וּלְשָׂרָה אָמַר הִנֵּה נָתַתִּי אֶלֶף
כֶּסֶף לְאָחִיךְ הִנֵּה הוּא־לָךְ כְּסוּת עֵינַיִם לְכֹל
17 אֲשֶׁר אִתָּךְ וְאֵת כֹּל וְנֹכָחַת׃ וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל אַבְרָהָם אֶל־
הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּרְפָּא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וְאֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ

prophet and he will pray for thee, and thou mayest live; and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou and all that are thine. 8. And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were greatly afraid. 9. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and in what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? deeds that ought not to be done thou hast done unto me. 10. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou didst this thing? 11. And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely there is no fear of God in this place,[a] and they will slay me for my wife's sake. 12. And yet indeed she is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. 13. And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. 14. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored to him Sarah his wife. 15. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it is pleasing in thy eyes. 16. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, this is to thee a covering of the eyes unto all that are with thee, and with all others thou canst thus justify thyself.[b] 17. And Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech,

[a] The beauty, therefore, of his wife would expose him to the violence of those who might desire to possess themselves of her against his will.

[b] Rashi.

18 וְאַמְהֹתָיו וַיֵּלֵדוּ׃ כִּֽי־עָצֹר עָצַר יְהוָה בְּעַד כָּל־
רֶחֶם לְבֵית אֲבִימֶלֶךְ עַל־דְּבַר שָׂרָה אֵשֶׁת
כא 1 אַבְרָהָם׃ ס וַֽיהוָה פָּקַד אֶת־שָׂרָה
כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמָר וַיַּעַשׂ יְהוָה לְשָׂרָה כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֵּר׃
2 וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד שָׂרָה לְאַבְרָהָם בֵּן לִזְקֻנָיו לַמּוֹעֵד
3 אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר אֹתוֹ אֱלֹהִים׃ וַיִּקְרָא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־שֶׁם־
4 בְּנוֹ הַנּוֹלַד־לוֹ אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדָה־לּוֹ שָׂרָה יִצְחָק׃ וַיָּמָל
אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ בֶּן־שְׁמֹנַת יָמִים כַּאֲשֶׁר
5 צִוָּה אֹתוֹ אֱלֹהִים׃ * וְאַבְרָהָם בֶּן־מְאַת שָׁנָה בְּהִוָּלֶד
6 לוֹ אֵת יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ׃ וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרָה צְחֹק עָשָׂה לִי
7 אֱלֹהִים כָּל־הַשֹּׁמֵעַ יִֽצְחַק־לִי׃ וַתֹּאמֶר מִי מִלֵּל
לְאַבְרָהָם הֵינִיקָה בָנִים שָׂרָה כִּֽי־יָלַדְתִּי בֵן לִזְקֻנָיו׃
8 וַיִּגְדַּל הַיֶּלֶד וַיִּגָּמַל וַיַּעַשׂ אַבְרָהָם מִשְׁתֶּה גָדוֹל
9 בְּיוֹם הִגָּמֵל אֶת־יִצְחָק׃ וַתֵּרֶא שָׂרָה אֶת־בֶּן־הָגָר
10 הַמִּצְרִית אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדָה לְאַבְרָהָם מְצַחֵק׃ וַתֹּאמֶר
לְאַבְרָהָם גָּרֵשׁ הָאָמָה הַזֹּאת וְאֶת־בְּנָהּ כִּי לֹא
11 יִירַשׁ בֶּן־הָאָמָה הַזֹּאת עִם־בְּנִי עִם־יִצְחָק׃ וַיֵּרַע
12 הַדָּבָר מְאֹד בְּעֵינֵי אַבְרָהָם עַל אוֹדֹת בְּנוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
אֱלֹהִים אֶל־אַבְרָהָם אַל־יֵרַע בְּעֵינֶיךָ עַל־הַנַּעַר
וְעַל־אֲמָתֶךָ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר תֹּאמַר אֵלֶיךָ שָׂרָה שְׁמַע
13 בְּקֹלָהּ כִּי בְיִצְחָק יִקָּרֵא לְךָ זָרַע׃ וְגַם אֶת־בֶּן־

* חמישי

and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bore children. 18. For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

CHAP. XXI. 1. And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. 2. For Sarah conceived, and bore unto Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. 3. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac. 4. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, at eight days old, as God had commanded him.* 5. And Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto him. 6. And Sarah said, What God hath done unto me is matter of joy,[a] whoever heareth it will laugh concerning me. 7. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? yet I have born a son in his old age. 8. And the child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast the day that Isaac was weaned. 9. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had born unto Abraham, mocking. 10. Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bond-woman and her son; for the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir with my son, with Isaac. 11. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight, because of his son. 12. And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bond-woman; in all that Sarah shall say unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac[b]

[a] ONKELOS.

[b] The blessing made on a previous occasion, that all nations should be blessed through the seed of Abraham, was to be accomplished through Isaac and his descendants, to the exclusion of Ishmael and the other children that Abraham might have.

14 הָֽאָמָ֖ה לְג֣וֹי אֲשִׂימֶ֑נּוּ כִּ֥י זַרְעֲךָ֖ הֽוּא׃ וַיַּשְׁכֵּ֣ם אַבְרָהָ֣ם ׀
בַּבֹּ֡קֶר וַיִּֽקַּֽח־לֶ֩חֶם֩ וְחֵ֨מַת מַ֜יִם וַיִּתֵּ֣ן אֶל־הָ֠גָ֠ר שָׂ֧ם עַל־
שִׁכְמָ֛הּ וְאֶת־הַיֶּ֖לֶד וַֽיְשַׁלְּחֶ֑הָ וַתֵּ֣לֶךְ וַתֵּ֔תַע בְּמִדְבַּ֖ר
15 בְּאֵ֥ר שָֽׁבַע׃ וַיִּכְל֥וּ הַמַּ֖יִם מִן־הַחֵ֑מֶת וַתַּשְׁלֵ֣ךְ אֶת־
16 הַיֶּ֔לֶד תַּ֖חַת אַחַ֥ד הַשִּׂיחִֽם׃ וַתֵּלֶךְ֩ וַתֵּ֨שֶׁב לָ֜הּ מִנֶּ֗גֶד
הַרְחֵק֙ כִּמְטַחֲוֵ֣י קֶ֔שֶׁת כִּ֣י אָֽמְרָ֔ה אַל־אֶרְאֶ֖ה בְּמ֣וֹת
17 הַיָּ֑לֶד וַתֵּ֣שֶׁב מִנֶּ֔גֶד וַתִּשָּׂ֥א אֶת־קֹלָ֖הּ וַתֵּֽבְךְּ׃ וַיִּשְׁמַ֣ע
אֱלֹהִים֮ אֶת־ק֣וֹל הַנַּ֒עַר֒ וַיִּקְרָא֩ מַלְאַ֨ךְ אֱלֹהִ֤ים ׀ אֶל־
הָגָר֙ מִן־הַשָּׁמַ֔יִם וַיֹּ֥אמֶר לָ֖הּ מַה־לָּ֣ךְ הָגָ֑ר אַל־תִּ֣ירְאִ֔י
כִּֽי־שָׁמַ֧ע אֱלֹהִ֛ים אֶל־ק֥וֹל הַנַּ֖עַר בַּאֲשֶׁ֥ר הוּא־שָֽׁם׃
18 ק֚וּמִי שְׂאִ֣י אֶת־הַנַּ֔עַר וְהַחֲזִ֥יקִי אֶת־יָדֵ֖ךְ בּ֑וֹ כִּֽי־לְג֥וֹי
19 גָּד֖וֹל אֲשִׂימֶֽנּוּ׃ וַיִּפְקַ֤ח אֱלֹהִים֙ אֶת־עֵינֶ֔יהָ וַתֵּ֖רֶא
בְּאֵ֣ר מָ֑יִם וַתֵּ֜לֶךְ וַתְּמַלֵּ֤א אֶת־הַחֵ֙מֶת֙ מַ֔יִם וַתַּ֖שְׁקְ
20 אֶת־הַנָּֽעַר׃ וַיְהִ֧י אֱלֹהִ֛ים אֶת־הַנַּ֖עַר וַיִּגְדָּ֑ל וַיֵּ֙שֶׁב֙
21 בַּמִּדְבָּ֔ר וַיְהִ֖י רֹבֶ֥ה קַשָּֽׁת׃ וַיֵּ֖שֶׁב בְּמִדְבַּ֣ר פָּארָ֑ן
וַתִּֽקַּֽח־ל֥וֹ אִמּ֛וֹ אִשָּׁ֖ה מֵאֶ֥רֶץ מִצְרָֽיִם׃ פ ששי
22 וַיְהִי֙ בָּעֵ֣ת הַהִ֔וא וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֲבִימֶ֗לֶךְ וּפִיכֹל֙ שַׂר־צְבָא֔וֹ
אֶל־אַבְרָהָ֖ם לֵאמֹ֑ר אֱלֹהִ֣ים עִמְּךָ֔ בְּכֹ֥ל אֲשֶׁר־
23 אַתָּ֖ה עֹשֶֽׂה׃ וְעַתָּ֗ה הִשָּׁ֨בְעָה לִּ֤י בֵֽאלֹהִים֙ הֵ֔נָּה
אִם־תִּשְׁקֹ֣ר לִ֔י וּלְנִינִ֖י וּלְנֶכְדִּ֑י כַּחֶ֜סֶד אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂ֤יתִי
עִמְּךָ֙ תַּעֲשֶׂ֣ה עִמָּדִ֔י וְעִם־הָאָ֖רֶץ אֲשֶׁר־גַּ֥רְתָּה בָּֽהּ׃

shall thy seed be called. 13. And also of the son of the bond-woman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. 14. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away; and she departed, and wandered astray in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 15. And the water was spent from the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16. And she went, and seated herself down at some distance, a good way off, about a bow-shot; for she said, I cannot look on when the child dieth, so she sat over at a distance, and lifted up her voice, and wept. 17. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? Fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad, there where he is. 18. Arise, lift up the lad, and lay hold on him with thy hand; for I will make of him a great nation. 19. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water: and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20. And God was with the lad; and he grew up, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. 21. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.*

22. And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, spoke unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest: 23. Now therefore swear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son; but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. 24. And Abraham said, I will swear.

24 25 וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ אַבְרָהָ֔ם אָנֹכִ֖י אִשָּׁבֵֽעַ׃ וְהוֹכִ֥חַ אַבְרָהָ֖ם
אֶת־אֲבִימֶ֑לֶךְ עַל־אֹדוֹת֙ בְּאֵ֣ר הַמַּ֔יִם אֲשֶׁ֥ר גָּזְל֖וּ
26 עַבְדֵ֥י אֲבִימֶֽלֶךְ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֲבִימֶ֔לֶךְ לֹ֣א יָדַ֔עְתִּי מִ֥י
עָשָׂ֖ה אֶת־הַדָּבָ֣ר הַזֶּ֑ה וְגַם־אַתָּ֞ה לֹא־הִגַּ֣דְתָּ לִּ֗י
27 וְגַ֧ם אָנֹכִ֛י לֹ֥א שָׁמַ֖עְתִּי בִּלְתִּ֥י הַיּֽוֹם׃ וַיִּקַּ֤ח אַבְרָהָם֙
צֹ֣אן וּבָקָ֔ר וַיִּתֵּ֖ן לַאֲבִימֶ֑לֶךְ וַיִּכְרְת֥וּ שְׁנֵיהֶ֖ם
28 בְּרִֽית׃ וַיַּצֵּ֣ב אַבְרָהָ֗ם אֶת־שֶׁ֛בַע כִּבְשֹׂ֥ת הַצֹּ֖אן
29 לְבַדְּהֶֽן׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר אֲבִימֶ֖לֶךְ אֶל־אַבְרָהָ֑ם מָ֣ה הֵ֗נָּה
30 שֶׁ֤בַע כְּבָשֹׂת֙ הָאֵ֔לֶּה אֲשֶׁ֥ר הִצַּ֖בְתָּ לְבַדָּֽנָה׃ וַיֹּ֕אמֶר
כִּ֚י אֶת־שֶׁ֣בַע כְּבָשֹׂ֔ת תִּקַּ֖ח מִיָּדִ֑י בַּעֲבוּר֙ תִּֽהְיֶה־
31 לִּ֣י לְעֵדָ֔ה כִּ֥י חָפַ֖רְתִּי אֶת־הַבְּאֵ֥ר הַזֹּֽאת׃ עַל־כֵּ֗ן
קָרָ֛א לַמָּק֥וֹם הַה֖וּא בְּאֵ֣ר שָׁ֑בַע כִּ֛י שָׁ֖ם נִשְׁבְּע֥וּ
32 שְׁנֵיהֶֽם׃ וַיִּכְרְת֥וּ בְרִ֖ית בִּבְאֵ֣ר שָׁ֑בַע וַיָּ֣קָם
אֲבִימֶ֗לֶךְ וּפִיכֹל֙ שַׂר־צְבָא֔וֹ וַיָּשֻׁ֖בוּ אֶל־אֶ֥רֶץ
33 פְּלִשְׁתִּֽים׃ וַיִּטַּ֥ע אֶ֖שֶׁל בִּבְאֵ֣ר שָׁ֑בַע וַיִּקְרָא־שָׁ֕ם
34 בְּשֵׁ֥ם יְהוָ֖ה אֵ֥ל עוֹלָֽם׃ וַיָּ֧גָר אַבְרָהָ֛ם בְּאֶ֥רֶץ
כב פְּלִשְׁתִּ֖ים יָמִ֥ים רַבִּֽים׃ פ שביעי
1 וַיְהִ֗י אַחַר֙ הַדְּבָרִ֣ים הָאֵ֔לֶּה וְהָ֣אֱלֹהִ֔ים נִסָּ֖ה אֶת־
אַבְרָהָ֑ם וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֵלָ֔יו אַבְרָהָ֖ם וַיֹּ֥אמֶר הִנֵּֽנִי׃
2 וַיֹּ֡אמֶר קַח־נָ֠א אֶת־בִּנְךָ֨ אֶת־יְחִֽידְךָ֤ אֲשֶׁר־אָהַ֙בְתָּ֙
אֶת־יִצְחָ֔ק וְלֶךְ־לְךָ֔ אֶל־אֶ֖רֶץ הַמֹּרִיָּ֑ה וְהַעֲלֵ֤הוּ

25. And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. 26. And Abimelech said, I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me; nor have I heard of it except this day. 27. And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant. 28. And Abraham set seven ewe-lambs of the flock, by themselves. 29. And Abimelech said unto Abraham; What mean these seven ewe-lambs which thou hast set by themselves? 30. And he said, For these seven ewe-lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me that I have dug this well. 31. Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba;[a] because there they swore, both of them. 32. Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba; then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines. 33. And Abraham planted an orchard in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the God of everlasting. 34. And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.*

CHAP. XXII. 1. And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt[b] Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham; And he said, Behold, here I am. 2. And he said, Take now thy son, thy only son, whom thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the

[a] Well of the oath.

[b] The word "tempt" here must be taken in the sense of *proving*, *i. e.* God proved Abraham's constancy by the command to sacrifice Isaac. All the other proofs of faith hitherto demanded of him were to be crowned by the willingness to sacrifice up to the will of God his dearest hope, the child in whom all the blessings promised him should be accomplished; still he obeyed, and did not complain of the apparent

שָׁם לְעֹלָה עַל אַחַד הֶהָרִים אֲשֶׁר אֹמַר אֵלֶיךָ׃
3 וַיַּשְׁכֵּם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֹּקֶר וַיַּחֲבֹשׁ אֶת־חֲמֹרוֹ וַיִּקַּח
אֶת־שְׁנֵי נְעָרָיו אִתּוֹ וְאֵת יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיְבַקַּע עֲצֵי
עֹלָה וַיָּקָם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אָמַר־לוֹ
4 הָאֱלֹהִים׃ בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי וַיִּשָּׂא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־
5 עֵינָיו וַיַּרְא אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם מֵרָחֹק׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם
אֶל־נְעָרָיו שְׁבוּ־לָכֶם פֹּה עִם־הַחֲמוֹר וַאֲנִי וְהַנַּעַר
6 נֵלְכָה עַד־כֹּה וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה וְנָשׁוּבָה אֲלֵיכֶם׃ וַיִּקַּח
אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֲצֵי הָעֹלָה וַיָּשֶׂם עַל־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ
וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדוֹ אֶת־הָאֵשׁ וְאֶת־הַמַּאֲכֶלֶת וַיֵּלְכוּ
7 שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו
וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֶּנִּי בְנִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ
8 וְהָעֵצִים וְאַיֵּה הַשֶּׂה לְעֹלָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם
אֱלֹהִים יִרְאֶה־לּוֹ הַשֶּׂה לְעֹלָה בְּנִי וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם
9 יַחְדָּו׃ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים
וַיִּבֶן שָׁם אַבְרָהָם אֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיַּעֲרֹךְ אֶת־הָעֵצִים
וַיַּעֲקֹד אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיָּשֶׂם אֹתוֹ עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
10 מִמַּעַל לָעֵצִים׃ וַיִּשְׁלַח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יָדוֹ וַיִּקַּח
11 אֶת־הַמַּאֲכֶלֶת לִשְׁחֹט אֶת־בְּנוֹ׃ וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו
מַלְאַךְ יְהוָה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם ׀ אַבְרָהָם
12 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אַל־תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ אֶל־הַנַּעַר

mountains which I will tell thee of. 3. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and arose,[a] and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder, and we will worship, and then come again to you. 6. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7. And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father; and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold, here is the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? 8. And Abraham said, God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son;[b] so they went both of them together. 9. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built there an altar, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar above the wood. 10. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham; and he said, Here am I. 12. And he said, Lay not thy hand upon

inconsistency of the divine promise with the present injunction of destroying the very child through whom this blessing could alone be fulfilled.

[a] This term, from the Hebrew קום, "to arise," is mostly employed when some exertion or activity is required to do the act subsequently mentioned.

[b] "Will look out and choose for himself the lamb; and if there be no lamb, then my son for the burnt-offering."—Rashi.

וְאַל־תַּעַשׂ לוֹ מְאוּמָה כִּי ׀ עַתָּה יָדַעְתִּי כִּי־יְרֵא
אֱלֹהִים אַתָּה וְלֹא חָשַׂכְתָּ אֶת־בִּנְךָ אֶת־יְחִידְךָ
13 מִמֶּנִּי׃ וַיִּשָּׂא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיַּרְא וְהִנֵּה־אַיִל
אַחַר נֶאֱחַז בַּסְּבַךְ בְּקַרְנָיו וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח
14 אֶת־הָאַיִל וַיַּעֲלֵהוּ לְעֹלָה תַּחַת בְּנוֹ׃ וַיִּקְרָא
אַבְרָהָם שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא יְהוָה ׀ יִרְאֶה אֲשֶׁר
15 יֵאָמֵר הַיּוֹם בְּהַר יְהוָה יֵרָאֶה׃ וַיִּקְרָא מַלְאַךְ
16 יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָהָם שֵׁנִית מִן־הַשָּׁמָיִם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר בִּי
נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי נְאֻם־יְהוָה כִּי יַעַן אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ אֶת־
17 הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה וְלֹא חָשַׂכְתָּ אֶת־בִּנְךָ אֶת־יְחִידֶךָ׃ כִּי־
בָרֵךְ אֲבָרֶכְךָ וְהַרְבָּה אַרְבֶּה אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ כְּכוֹכְבֵי
הַשָּׁמַיִם וְכַחוֹל אֲשֶׁר עַל־שְׂפַת הַיָּם וְיִרַשׁ זַרְעֲךָ
18 אֵת שַׁעַר אֹיְבָיו׃ וְהִתְבָּרְכוּ בְזַרְעֲךָ כֹּל גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ
19 עֵקֶב אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקֹלִי׃ וַיָּשָׁב אַבְרָהָם אֶל־נְעָרָיו
וַיָּקֻמוּ וַיֵּלְכוּ יַחְדָּו אֶל־בְּאֵר שָׁבַע וַיֵּשֶׁב אַבְרָהָם
בִּבְאֵר שָׁבַע׃ פ מפטיר

20 וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיֻּגַּד לְאַבְרָהָם לֵאמֹר
21 הִנֵּה יָלְדָה מִלְכָּה גַם־הִוא בָּנִים לְנָחוֹר אָחִיךָ׃ אֶת־
עוּץ בְּכֹרוֹ וְאֶת־בּוּז אָחִיו וְאֶת־קְמוּאֵל אֲבִי אֲרָם׃
22 וְאֶת־כֶּשֶׂד וְאֶת־חֲזוֹ וְאֶת־פִּלְדָּשׁ וְאֶת־יִדְלָף וְאֵת
23 בְּתוּאֵל׃ וּבְתוּאֵל יָלַד אֶת־רִבְקָה שְׁמֹנָה אֵלֶּה יָלְדָה

the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing that thou hast not withheld thy son, thy only one, from me. 13. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. 14. And Abraham called the name of that place Adonai-yireh:[a] as it is said to this day,[b] In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.[c] 15. And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham the second time out of heaven. 16. And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, since, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thy only one: 17. That I will greatly bless thee, and I will exceedingly multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea-shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because that thou hast obeyed my voice. 19. And Abraham returned unto his young men; and they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.*

20. And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she also, hath born children unto Nachor thy brother; 21. Huz his first born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuël the father of Aram, 22. And Kesed, and Chazo, and Pildash, and Yidlaph, and Bethuël. 23. And Bethuël begat Rebekah; these eight

[a] "The Lord shall provide," from the words of Abraham to Isaac, "Elohim yireh lo hassay," "God will provide himself the lamb."

[b] "In future days, as all 'unto this day' in Scripture must be understood; for all coming generations, who read this verse, will say 'unto this day' of the day in which they are."—Rashi.

[c] "Will the God appear" to his people.—Idem.

24 מִלְכָּ֖ה לְנָח֥וֹר אֲחִ֥י אַבְרָהָֽם׃ וּפִֽילַגְשׁ֖וֹ וּשְׁמָ֣הּ
רְאוּמָ֑ה וַתֵּ֤לֶד גַּם־הִוא֙ אֶת־טֶ֣בַח וְאֶת־גַּ֔חַם וְאֶת־
כג תַּ֖חַשׁ וְאֶת־מַעֲכָֽה׃ פ
1 וַיִּֽהְיוּ֙ חַיֵּ֣י שָׂרָ֔ה מֵאָ֥ה שָׁנָ֛ה וְעֶשְׂרִ֥ים שָׁנָ֖ה
2 וְשֶׁ֣בַע שָׁנִ֑ים שְׁנֵ֖י חַיֵּ֥י שָׂרָֽה׃ וַתָּ֣מָת שָׂרָ֗ה בְּקִרְיַ֥ת
אַרְבַּ֛ע הִ֥וא חֶבְר֖וֹן בְּאֶ֣רֶץ כְּנָ֑עַן וַיָּבֹא֙ אַבְרָהָ֔ם
3 לִסְפֹּ֥ד לְשָׂרָ֖ה וְלִבְכֹּתָֽהּ׃ וַיָּ֙קָם֙ אַבְרָהָ֔ם מֵעַ֖ל פְּנֵ֣י
4 מֵת֑וֹ וַיְדַבֵּ֥ר אֶל־בְּנֵי־חֵ֖ת לֵאמֹֽר׃ גֵּר־וְתוֹשָׁ֥ב אָנֹכִ֖י
עִמָּכֶ֑ם תְּנ֨וּ לִ֤י אֲחֻזַּת־קֶ֙בֶר֙ עִמָּכֶ֔ם וְאֶקְבְּרָ֥ה מֵתִ֖י
5 מִלְּפָנָֽי׃ וַיַּעֲנ֧וּ בְנֵי־חֵ֛ת אֶת־אַבְרָהָ֖ם לֵאמֹ֥ר לֽוֹ׃
6 שְׁמָעֵ֣נוּ ׀ אֲדֹנִ֗י נְשִׂ֨יא אֱלֹהִ֤ים אַתָּה֙ בְּתוֹכֵ֔נוּ
בְּמִבְחַ֣ר קְבָרֵ֔ינוּ קְבֹ֖ר אֶת־מֵתֶ֑ךָ אִ֣ישׁ מִמֶּ֔נּוּ אֶת־
7 קִבְר֛וֹ לֹא־יִכְלֶ֥ה מִמְּךָ֖ מִקְּבֹ֥ר מֵתֶֽךָ׃ וַיָּ֥קָם אַבְרָהָ֛ם
8 וַיִּשְׁתַּ֥חוּ לְעַם־הָאָ֖רֶץ לִבְנֵי־חֵֽת׃ וַיְדַבֵּ֥ר אִתָּ֖ם
לֵאמֹ֑ר אִם־יֵ֣שׁ אֶֽת־נַפְשְׁכֶ֗ם לִקְבֹּ֤ר אֶת־מֵתִי֙ מִלְּפָנַ֔י
9 שְׁמָע֕וּנִי וּפִגְעוּ־לִ֖י בְּעֶפְר֥וֹן בֶּן־צֹֽחַר׃ וְיִתֶּן־לִ֗י אֶת־
מְעָרַ֤ת הַמַּכְפֵּלָה֙ אֲשֶׁר־ל֔וֹ אֲשֶׁ֖ר בִּקְצֵ֣ה שָׂדֵ֑הוּ
בְּכֶ֨סֶף מָלֵ֜א יִתְּנֶ֥נָּה לִּ֛י בְּתוֹכְכֶ֖ם לַאֲחֻזַּת־קָֽבֶר׃
10 וְעֶפְר֥וֹן יֹשֵׁ֖ב בְּת֣וֹךְ בְּנֵי־חֵ֑ת וַיַּ֩עַן֩ עֶפְר֨וֹן הַחִתִּ֤י
אֶת־אַבְרָהָם֙ בְּאָזְנֵ֣י בְנֵי־חֵ֔ת לְכֹ֛ל בָּאֵ֥י שַֽׁעַר־
11 עִיר֖וֹ לֵאמֹֽר׃ לֹֽא־אֲדֹנִ֣י שְׁמָעֵ֔נִי הַשָּׂדֶה֙ נָתַ֣תִּי לָ֔ךְ

* כ זעירא

Milcah did bear to Nachor, Abraham's brother. 24. And his concubine, whose name was Reümah, she also bore Tebach, and Gacham, and Thachash, and Maachah.

CHAYE SARAH.
CHAP. XXIII.

1. And the lifetime of Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2. And Sarah died in Kiryatharba;[a] the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. 3. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke unto the sons of Heth, saying, 4. A stranger and a sojourner I am with you; give me a possession for a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. 5. And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him: 6. Hear us, my lord; a prince of God thou art among us; in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead: none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. 7. And Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the people of the land, to the children of Heth. 8. And he spoke with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zochar, 9. That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me, for a possession of a burying-place amongst you. 10. And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the children of Heth, of all those that went in at the gate of his city, saying, 11. Nay, my lord, hear me; the field I give to thee, and the cave that is

[a] It is the opinion of commentators, that Sarah died in consequence of the grief she experienced when hearing that Abraham had gone to sacrifice Isaac.

וְהַמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ לְךָ נְתַתִּיהָ לְעֵינֵי בְנֵי־עַמִּי
12 נְתַתִּיהָ לָּךְ קְבֹר מֵתֶךָ׃ וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אַבְרָהָם לִפְנֵי
13 עַם־הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיְדַבֵּר אֶל־עֶפְרוֹן בְּאָזְנֵי עַם־הָאָרֶץ
לֵאמֹר אַךְ אִם־אַתָּה לוּ שְׁמָעֵנִי נָתַתִּי כֶּסֶף
14 הַשָּׂדֶה קַח מִמֶּנִּי וְאֶקְבְּרָה אֶת־מֵתִי שָׁמָּה׃ וַיַּעַן
15 עֶפְרוֹן אֶת־אַבְרָהָם לֵאמֹר לוֹ׃ אֲדֹנִי שְׁמָעֵנִי אֶרֶץ
אַרְבַּע מֵאֹת שֶׁקֶל־כֶּסֶף בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ מַה־הִוא וְאֶת־
16 מֵתְךָ קְבֹר׃ וַיִּשְׁמַע אַבְרָהָם אֶל־עֶפְרוֹן וַיִּשְׁקֹל
אַבְרָהָם לְעֶפְרֹן אֶת־הַכֶּסֶף אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר בְּאָזְנֵי בְנֵי־
חֵת אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שֶׁקֶל כֶּסֶף עֹבֵר לַסֹּחֵר׃ * וַיָּקָם ׀
17 שְׂדֵה עֶפְרוֹן אֲשֶׁר בַּמַּכְפֵּלָה אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵי מַמְרֵא
הַשָּׂדֶה וְהַמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ וְכָל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׂדֶה
18 אֲשֶׁר בְּכָל־גְּבֻלוֹ סָבִיב׃ לְאַבְרָהָם לְמִקְנָה לְעֵינֵי
19 בְנֵי־חֵת בְּכֹל בָּאֵי שַׁעַר־עִירוֹ׃ וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן קָבַר
אַבְרָהָם אֶת־שָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ אֶל־מְעָרַת שְׂדֵה
הַמַּכְפֵּלָה עַל־פְּנֵי מַמְרֵא הִוא חֶבְרוֹן בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן׃
20 וַיָּקָם הַשָּׂדֶה וְהַמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ לְאַבְרָהָם לַאֲחֻזַּת־
כד קָבֶר מֵאֵת בְּנֵי־חֵת׃ ס וְאַבְרָהָם
1 זָקֵן בָּא בַּיָּמִים וַיהוָה בֵּרַךְ אֶת־אַבְרָהָם בַּכֹּל׃
2 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־עַבְדּוֹ זְקַן בֵּיתוֹ הַמֹּשֵׁל בְּכָל־
3 אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ שִׂים־נָא יָדְךָ תַּחַת יְרֵכִי׃ וְאַשְׁבִּיעֲךָ

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therein, I give it to thee; in the presence of the sons of my people I give it thee; bury thy dead. 12. And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. 13. And he spoke unto Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wouldst only hear me; I will give the money for the field, take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. 14. And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, 15. My lord, hearken unto me: a land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between me and thee? only bury thy dead. 16. And Abraham understood[a] the meaning of Ephron, and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current with the merchant.* 17. And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure 18. Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. 19. And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan. 20. And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

CHAP. XXIV. 1. And Abraham was old, well stricken in age, and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. 2. And Abraham said unto his servant, the eldest of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: 3. And I will make thee swear by

[a] Ephron had pretended great anxiety to give the land to Abraham; but when he mentioned the value, Abraham at once understood his price, and weighed out the amount which Ephron required.

בַּֽיהוָה֙ אֱלֹהֵ֣י הַשָּׁמַ֔יִם וֵאלֹהֵ֖י הָאָ֑רֶץ אֲשֶׁ֨ר לֹֽא־
תִקַּ֤ח אִשָּׁה֙ לִבְנִ֔י מִבְּנוֹת֙ הַֽכְּנַעֲנִ֔י אֲשֶׁ֥ר אָנֹכִ֖י
4 יוֹשֵׁ֥ב בְּקִרְבּֽוֹ׃ כִּ֧י אֶל־אַרְצִ֛י וְאֶל־מֽוֹלַדְתִּ֖י תֵּלֵ֑ךְ
5 וְלָקַחְתָּ֥ אִשָּׁ֖ה לִבְנִ֥י לְיִצְחָֽק׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֵלָיו֙ הָעֶ֔בֶד
אוּלַי֙ לֹֽא־תֹאבֶ֣ה הָֽאִשָּׁ֔ה לָלֶ֥כֶת אַחֲרַ֖י אֶל־הָאָ֣רֶץ
הַזֹּ֑את הֶֽהָשֵׁ֤ב אָשִׁיב֙ אֶת־בִּנְךָ֔ אֶל־הָאָ֖רֶץ אֲשֶׁר־
6 יָצָ֥אתָ מִשָּֽׁם׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר אֵלָ֖יו אַבְרָהָ֑ם הִשָּׁ֣מֶר לְךָ֔
7 פֶּן־תָּשִׁ֥יב אֶת־בְּנִ֖י שָֽׁמָּה׃ יְהוָ֣ה ׀ אֱלֹהֵ֣י הַשָּׁמַ֗יִם
אֲשֶׁ֨ר לְקָחַ֜נִי מִבֵּ֣ית אָבִי֮ וּמֵאֶ֣רֶץ מֽוֹלַדְתִּי֒ וַאֲשֶׁ֨ר
דִּבֶּר־לִ֜י וַאֲשֶׁ֤ר נִֽשְׁבַּֽע־לִי֙ לֵאמֹ֔ר לְזַ֨רְעֲךָ֔ אֶתֵּ֖ן אֶת־
הָאָ֣רֶץ הַזֹּ֑את ה֗וּא יִשְׁלַ֤ח מַלְאָכוֹ֙ לְפָנֶ֔יךָ וְלָקַחְתָּ֥
8 אִשָּׁ֛ה לִבְנִ֖י מִשָּֽׁם׃ וְאִם־לֹ֨א תֹאבֶ֤ה הָֽאִשָּׁה֙ לָלֶ֣כֶת
אַחֲרֶ֔יךָ וְנִקִּ֕יתָ מִשְּׁבֻעָתִ֖י זֹ֑את רַ֣ק אֶת־בְּנִ֔י לֹ֥א תָשֵׁ֖ב
9 שָֽׁמָּה׃ וַיָּ֤שֶׂם הָעֶ֙בֶד֙ אֶת־יָד֔וֹ תַּ֖חַת יֶ֣רֶךְ אַבְרָהָ֣ם
10 אֲדֹנָ֑יו וַיִּשָּׁ֣בַֽע ל֔וֹ עַל־הַדָּבָ֖ר הַזֶּֽה׃ * וַיִּקַּ֣ח הָ֠עֶבֶד
עֲשָׂרָ֨ה גְמַלִּ֜ים מִגְּמַלֵּ֤י אֲדֹנָיו֙ וַיֵּ֔לֶךְ וְכָל־ט֥וּב אֲדֹנָ֖יו
בְּיָד֑וֹ וַיָּ֗קָם וַיֵּ֛לֶךְ אֶל־אֲרַ֥ם נַהֲרַ֖יִם אֶל־עִ֥יר נָחֽוֹר׃
11 וַיַּבְרֵ֧ךְ הַגְּמַלִּ֛ים מִח֥וּץ לָעִ֖יר אֶל־בְּאֵ֣ר הַמָּ֑יִם לְעֵ֣ת
12 עֶ֔רֶב לְעֵ֖ת צֵ֥את הַשֹּׁאֲבֹֽת׃ וַיֹּאמַ֓ר ׀ יְהוָ֗ה אֱלֹהֵי֙
אֲדֹנִ֣י אַבְרָהָ֔ם הַקְרֵה־נָ֥א לְפָנַ֖י הַיּ֑וֹם וַֽעֲשֵׂה־חֶ֕סֶד
13 עִ֖ם אֲדֹנִ֥י אַבְרָהָֽם׃ הִנֵּ֛ה אָנֹכִ֥י נִצָּ֖ב עַל־עֵ֣ין הַמָּ֑יִם

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the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites,[a] among whom I dwell. 4. But unto my country, and to my birth-place shalt thou go, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. 5. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I then bring thy son again unto the land from which thou camest? 6. And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou, that thou bring not my son thither again. 7. The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my birth, and who spoke unto me, and who swore unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land: he will send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from there. 8. But if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath; only bring not my son thither again. 9. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.* 10. And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed, with all kinds of precious things of his master in his hand; and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia,[b] unto the city of Nachor. 11. And he made the camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, at the time that the women go out to draw water. 12. And he said, O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. 13. Behold I stand by the well of water; and

[a] That the descendants of those cursed by the father of the new generation of man, should not mingle with those blessed. (Gen. ix. 29.)—Dubno.

[b] "Aram Naharayim," Syria of the two rivers, Euphrates and Tigris.

14 וּבְנוֹת אַנְשֵׁי הָעִיר יֹצְאֹת לִשְׁאֹב מָיִם׃ וְהָיָה
הַנַּעֲרָ* אֲשֶׁר אֹמַר אֵלֶיהָ הַטִּי־נָא כַדֵּךְ וְאֶשְׁתֶּה
וְאָמְרָה שְׁתֵה וְגַם־גְּמַלֶּיךָ אַשְׁקֶה אֹתָהּ הֹכַחְתָּ
לְעַבְדְּךָ לְיִצְחָק וּבָהּ אֵדַע כִּי־עָשִׂיתָ חֶסֶד עִם־
15 אֲדֹנִי׃ וַיְהִי־הוּא טֶרֶם כִּלָּה לְדַבֵּר וְהִנֵּה רִבְקָה
יֹצֵאת אֲשֶׁר יֻלְּדָה לִבְתוּאֵל בֶּן־מִלְכָּה אֵשֶׁת
16 נָחוֹר אֲחִי אַבְרָהָם וְכַדָּהּ עַל־שִׁכְמָהּ׃ וְהַנַּעֲרָ
טֹבַת מַרְאֶה מְאֹד בְּתוּלָה וְאִישׁ לֹא יְדָעָהּ
17 וַתֵּרֶד הָעַיְנָה וַתְּמַלֵּא כַדָּהּ וַתָּעַל׃ וַיָּרָץ הָעֶבֶד
לִקְרָאתָהּ וַיֹּאמֶר הַגְמִיאִינִי נָא מְעַט־מַיִם מִכַּדֵּךְ׃
18 וַתֹּאמֶר שְׁתֵה אֲדֹנִי וַתְּמַהֵר וַתֹּרֶד כַּדָּהּ עַל־יָדָהּ
19 וַתַּשְׁקֵהוּ׃ וַתְּכַל לְהַשְׁקֹתוֹ וַתֹּאמֶר גַּם לִגְמַלֶּיךָ
20 אֶשְׁאָב עַד אִם־כִּלּוּ לִשְׁתֹּת׃ וַתְּמַהֵר וַתְּעַר כַּדָּהּ
אֶל־הַשֹּׁקֶת וַתָּרָץ עוֹד אֶל־הַבְּאֵר לִשְׁאֹב
21 וַתִּשְׁאַב לְכָל־גְּמַלָּיו׃ וְהָאִישׁ מִשְׁתָּאֵה לָהּ
מַחֲרִישׁ לָדַעַת הַהִצְלִיחַ יְהוָה דַּרְכּוֹ אִם־לֹא׃
22 וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר כִּלּוּ הַגְּמַלִּים לִשְׁתּוֹת וַיִּקַּח הָאִישׁ
נֶזֶם זָהָב בֶּקַע מִשְׁקָלוֹ וּשְׁנֵי צְמִידִים עַל־יָדֶיהָ
23 עֲשָׂרָה זָהָב מִשְׁקָלָם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר בַּת־מִי אַתְּ הַגִּידִי
24 נָא לִי הֲיֵשׁ בֵּית־אָבִיךְ מָקוֹם לָנוּ לָלִין׃ וַתֹּאמֶר
אֵלָיו בַּת־בְּתוּאֵל אָנֹכִי בֶּן־מִלְכָּה אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה

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the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: 14. And let it come to pass, that the maiden to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and to thy camels also will I give drink: thou hast appointed her for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shown kindness unto my master. 15. And it came to pass, before he had finished speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nachor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder, 16. And the maiden was of a very handsome appearance, a virgin, neither had any man known her; and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water out of thy pitcher. 18. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19. And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have finished drinking. 20. And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. 21. And the man was wondering at her;[a] remaining silent, to discover whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. 22. And it came to pass, as the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden earring, half a shekel in weight, and two bracelets for her hands, ten gold shekels in weight; 23. And he said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee; is there room in thy father's house for us to stay this night in? 24. And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore

[a] Meaning, he felt astonished at the remarkable verification of the test he had proposed, and therefore remained silent for some time, to

25 לְנָחוֹר: וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו גַּם־תֶּבֶן גַּם־מִסְפּוֹא רַב עִמָּנוּ
26 גַּם־מָקוֹם לָלוּן: וַיִּקֹּד הָאִישׁ וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ לַיהוָה: *
27 וַיֹּאמֶר בָּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנִי אַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר
לֹא־עָזַב חַסְדּוֹ וַאֲמִתּוֹ מֵעִם אֲדֹנִי אָנֹכִי בַּדֶּרֶךְ
28 נָחַנִי יְהוָה בֵּית אֲחֵי אֲדֹנִי: וַתָּרָץ הַנַּעֲרָ וַתַּגֵּד
29 לְבֵית אִמָּהּ כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה: וּלְרִבְקָה אָח
וּשְׁמוֹ לָבָן וַיָּרָץ לָבָן אֶל־הָאִישׁ הַחוּצָה אֶל־
30 הָעָיִן: וַיְהִי ׀ כִּרְאֹת אֶת־הַנֶּזֶם וְאֶת־הַצְּמִדִים עַל־
יְדֵי אֲחֹתוֹ וּכְשָׁמְעוֹ אֶת־דִּבְרֵי רִבְקָה אֲחֹתוֹ
לֵאמֹר כֹּה־דִבֶּר אֵלַי הָאִישׁ וַיָּבֹא אֶל־הָאִישׁ
31 וְהִנֵּה עֹמֵד עַל־הַגְּמַלִּים עַל־הָעָיִן: וַיֹּאמֶר בּוֹא
בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה לָמָּה תַעֲמֹד בַּחוּץ וְאָנֹכִי פִּנִּיתִי
32 הַבַּיִת וּמָקוֹם לַגְּמַלִּים: וַיָּבֹא הָאִישׁ הַבַּיְתָה
וַיְפַתַּח הַגְּמַלִּים וַיִּתֵּן תֶּבֶן וּמִסְפּוֹא לַגְּמַלִּים
וּמַיִם לִרְחֹץ רַגְלָיו וְרַגְלֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ:
33 וַיִּישַׂם לְפָנָיו לֶאֱכֹל וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֹכַל עַד אִם־
34 דִּבַּרְתִּי דְּבָרָי וַיֹּאמֶר דַּבֵּר: וַיֹּאמַר עֶבֶד אַבְרָהָם
35 אָנֹכִי: וַיהוָה בֵּרַךְ אֶת־אֲדֹנִי מְאֹד וַיִּגְדָּל וַיִּתֶּן־
לוֹ צֹאן וּבָקָר וְכֶסֶף וְזָהָב וַעֲבָדִם וּשְׁפָחֹת
36 וּגְמַלִּים וַחֲמֹרִים: וַתֵּלֶד שָׂרָה אֵשֶׁת אֲדֹנִי בֵן
לַאדֹנִי אַחֲרֵי זִקְנָתָהּ וַיִּתֶּן־לוֹ אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ:

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unto Nachor. 25. She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. 26. And the man bowed down his head, and prostrated himself before the Lord.* 27. And he said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who hath not withdrawn his mercy and his truth from my master; I being on the way, which the Lord hath led me, to the house of the brethren of my master. 28. And the maiden ran, and told at her mother's house these things. 29. And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban; and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. 30. And this came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spoke the man unto me; and he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. 31. And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house and room for the camels. 32. And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the feet of the men that were with him. 33. And there was set food before him to eat; but he said I will not eat until I have spoken my words. And he said, Speak on. 34. And he said, I am Abraham's servant. 35. And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses. 36. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old: and he hath given unto him all that he hath. 37. And my master

endeavour first to find out by the sequel whether indeed the maiden before him might truly be the one of the family of Abraham, whom he was to take as a wife for Isaac.

37 וַיַּשְׁבִּעֵנִי אֲדֹנִי לֵאמֹר לֹא־תִקַּח אִשָּׁה לִבְנִי
38 מִבְּנוֹת הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי יֹשֵׁב בְּאַרְצוֹ׃ אִם־לֹא
אֶל־בֵּית־אָבִי תֵּלֵךְ וְאֶל־מִשְׁפַּחְתִּי וְלָקַחְתָּ אִשָּׁה
39 לִבְנִי׃ וָאֹמַר אֶל־אֲדֹנִי אֻלַי לֹא־תֵלֵךְ הָאִשָּׁה אַחֲרָי׃
40 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר־הִתְהַלַּכְתִּי לְפָנָיו יִשְׁלַח
מַלְאָכוֹ אִתָּךְ וְהִצְלִיחַ דַּרְכֶּךָ וְלָקַחְתָּ אִשָּׁה לִבְנִי
41 מִמִּשְׁפַּחְתִּי וּמִבֵּית אָבִי׃ אָז תִּנָּקֶה מֵאָלָתִי כִּי
תָבוֹא אֶל־מִשְׁפַּחְתִּי וְאִם־לֹא יִתְּנוּ לָךְ וְהָיִיתָ נָקִי
42 מֵאָלָתִי׃ וָאָבֹא הַיּוֹם אֶל־הָעָיִן וָאֹמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי
אֲדֹנִי אַבְרָהָם אִם־יֶשְׁךָ־נָּא מַצְלִיחַ דַּרְכִּי אֲשֶׁר
43 אָנֹכִי הֹלֵךְ עָלֶיהָ׃ הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי נִצָּב עַל־עֵין הַמָּיִם
וְהָיָה הָעַלְמָה הַיֹּצֵאת לִשְׁאֹב וְאָמַרְתִּי אֵלֶיהָ
44 הַשְׁקִינִי־נָא מְעַט־מַיִם מִכַּדֵּךְ׃ וְאָמְרָה אֵלַי גַּם־
אַתָּה שְׁתֵה וְגַם לִגְמַלֶּיךָ אֶשְׁאָב הִוא הָאִשָּׁה
45 אֲשֶׁר־הֹכִיחַ יְהוָה לְבֶן־אֲדֹנִי׃ אֲנִי טֶרֶם אֲכַלֶּה
לְדַבֵּר אֶל־לִבִּי וְהִנֵּה רִבְקָה יֹצֵאת וְכַדָּהּ עַל־
שִׁכְמָהּ וַתֵּרֶד הָעַיְנָה וַתִּשְׁאָב וָאֹמַר אֵלֶיהָ
46 הַשְׁקִינִי נָא׃ וַתְּמַהֵר וַתּוֹרֶד כַּדָּהּ מֵעָלֶיהָ וַתֹּאמֶר
שְׁתֵה וְגַם־גְּמַלֶּיךָ אַשְׁקֶה וָאֵשְׁתְּ וְגַם הַגְּמַלִּים
47 הִשְׁקָתָה׃ וָאֶשְׁאַל אֹתָהּ וָאֹמַר בַּת־מִי אַתְּ וַתֹּאמֶר
בַּת־בְּתוּאֵל בֶּן־נָחוֹר אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה־לּוֹ מִלְכָּה

made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: 38. But thou[a] shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. 39. And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40. And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; that thou mayest take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house. 41. Then shalt thou be clear from my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they do not give thee one, then thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42. And I came this day unto the well, and said, O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if thou wouldst but prosper my way on which I am going. 43. Behold, I stand[b] by the well of water; and it shall be the virgin who cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water out of thy pitcher to drink; 44. And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: this be the woman whom the Lord hath destined for my master's son. 45. And before I had finished speaking to my own heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 46. And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and also thy camels I will give drink; and I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47. And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nachor's son, whom Milcah

[a] Some, among these Rashi, explain this verse as a condition, אם לא "if not," meaning that he should first endeavour to obtain a wife from Abraham's family; but "if not," then by inference to be permitted to choose one elsewhere.

[b] "I will place myself."—Arnheim.

48 וָאָשִׂם הַנֶּזֶם עַל־אַפָּהּ וְהַצְּמִידִים עַל־יָדֶיהָ׃ וָאֶקֹּד
וָאֶשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לַיהוָה וָאֲבָרֵךְ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי
אֲדֹנִי אַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר הִנְחַנִי בְּדֶרֶךְ אֱמֶת לָקַחַת
49 אֶת־בַּת־אֲחִי אֲדֹנִי לִבְנוֹ׃ וְעַתָּה אִם־יֶשְׁכֶם עֹשִׂים
חֶסֶד וֶאֱמֶת אֶת־אֲדֹנִי הַגִּידוּ לִי וְאִם־לֹא הַגִּידוּ לִי
50 וְאֶפְנֶה עַל־יָמִין אוֹ עַל־שְׂמֹאל׃ וַיַּעַן לָבָן וּבְתוּאֵל
וַיֹּאמְרוּ מֵיְהוָה יָצָא הַדָּבָר לֹא נוּכַל דַּבֵּר אֵלֶיךָ
51 רַע אוֹ־טוֹב׃ הִנֵּה־רִבְקָה לְפָנֶיךָ קַח וָלֵךְ וּתְהִי
52 אִשָּׁה לְבֶן־אֲדֹנֶיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה׃ וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר
שָׁמַע עֶבֶד אַבְרָהָם אֶת־דִּבְרֵיהֶם וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אַרְצָה
53 לַיהוָה׃ * וַיּוֹצֵא הָעֶבֶד כְּלֵי־כֶסֶף וּכְלֵי זָהָב וּבְגָדִים
54 וַיִּתֵּן לְרִבְקָה וּמִגְדָּנֹת נָתַן לְאָחִיהָ וּלְאִמָּהּ׃ וַיֹּאכְלוּ
וַיִּשְׁתּוּ הוּא וְהָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר־עִמּוֹ וַיָּלִינוּ וַיָּקוּמוּ
55 בַבֹּקֶר וַיֹּאמֶר שַׁלְּחֻנִי לַאדֹנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אָחִיהָ וְאִמָּהּ
תֵּשֵׁב הַנַּעֲרָ אִתָּנוּ יָמִים אוֹ עָשׂוֹר אַחַר תֵּלֵךְ׃
56 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם אַל־תְּאַחֲרוּ אֹתִי וַיהוָה הִצְלִיחַ
57 דַּרְכִּי שַׁלְּחוּנִי וְאֵלְכָה לַאדֹנִי׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ נִקְרָא
58 לַנַּעֲרָ וְנִשְׁאֲלָה אֶת־פִּיהָ׃ וַיִּקְרְאוּ לְרִבְקָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ
אֵלֶיהָ הֲתֵלְכִי עִם־הָאִישׁ הַזֶּה וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלֵךְ׃
59 וַיְשַׁלְּחוּ אֶת־רִבְקָה אֲחֹתָם וְאֶת־מֵנִקְתָּהּ וְאֶת־
60 עֶבֶד אַבְרָהָם וְאֶת־אֲנָשָׁיו׃ וַיְבָרְכוּ אֶת־רִבְקָה

* חמישי

bore unto him: and I put the ear-ring upon her face,[a] and the bracelets upon her hands. 48. And I bowed down my head, and prostrated myself before the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. 49. And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right, or to the left. 50. Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing hath proceeded from the LORD; we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be the wife of thy master's son, as the LORD hath spoken. 52. And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth unto the LORD.* 53. And the servant brought forth vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; and precious things he gave to her brother and to her mother. 54. And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 55. And her brother and her mother said, Let the maiden abide with us, a year or ten months; after that she shall go. 56. And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57. And they said, We will call the maiden, and inquire at her mouth. 58. And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. 59. And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60. And they blessed Re-

[a] "Nose," MENDELSSOHN, who translates נזם with "nose-ring." This is undoubtedly correct here, though in other passages it stands for ear-ring.

וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָהּ אֲחֹתֵנוּ אַתְּ הֲיִי לְאַלְפֵי רְבָבָה וְיִירַשׁ
61 זַרְעֵךְ אֵת שַׁעַר שֹׂנְאָיו׃ וַתָּקָם רִבְקָה וְנַעֲרֹתֶיהָ
וַתִּרְכַּבְנָה עַל־הַגְּמַלִּים וַתֵּלַכְנָה אַחֲרֵי הָאִישׁ וַיִּקַּח
62 הָעֶבֶד אֶת־רִבְקָה וַיֵּלַךְ׃ וְיִצְחָק בָּא מִבּוֹא בְּאֵר לַחַי
63 רֹאִי וְהוּא יוֹשֵׁב בְּאֶרֶץ הַנֶּגֶב׃ וַיֵּצֵא יִצְחָק לָשׂוּחַ
בַּשָּׂדֶה לִפְנוֹת עָרֶב וַיִּשָּׂא עֵינָיו וַיַּרְא וְהִנֵּה גְמַלִּים
64 בָּאִים׃ וַתִּשָּׂא רִבְקָה אֶת־עֵינֶיהָ וַתֵּרֶא אֶת־יִצְחָק
65 וַתִּפֹּל מֵעַל הַגָּמָל׃ וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־הָעֶבֶד מִי־הָאִישׁ
הַלָּזֶה הַהֹלֵךְ בַּשָּׂדֶה לִקְרָאתֵנוּ וַיֹּאמֶר הָעֶבֶד הוּא
66 אֲדֹנִי וַתִּקַּח הַצָּעִיף וַתִּתְכָּס׃ וַיְסַפֵּר הָעֶבֶד לְיִצְחָק
67 אֵת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה׃ וַיְבִאֶהָ יִצְחָק הָאֹהֱלָה
שָׂרָה אִמּוֹ וַיִּקַּח אֶת־רִבְקָה וַתְּהִי־לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה
כה וַיֶּאֱהָבֶהָ וַיִּנָּחֵם יִצְחָק אַחֲרֵי אִמּוֹ׃ פ ששי
1 2 וַיֹּסֶף אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח אִשָּׁה וּשְׁמָהּ קְטוּרָה׃ וַתֵּלֶד
לוֹ אֶת־זִמְרָן וְאֶת־יָקְשָׁן וְאֶת־מְדָן וְאֶת־מִדְיָן וְאֶת־
3 יִשְׁבָּק וְאֶת־שׁוּחַ׃ וְיָקְשָׁן יָלַד אֶת־שְׁבָא וְאֶת־דְּדָן
4 וּבְנֵי דְדָן הָיוּ אַשּׁוּרִם וּלְטוּשִׁם וּלְאֻמִּים׃ וּבְנֵי
מִדְיָן עֵיפָה וָעֵפֶר וַחֲנֹךְ וַאֲבִידָע וְאֶלְדָּעָה כָּל־
5 אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי קְטוּרָה׃ וַיִּתֵּן אַבְרָהָם אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ
6 לְיִצְחָק׃ וְלִבְנֵי הַפִּילַגְשִׁים אֲשֶׁר לְאַבְרָהָם נָתַן
אַבְרָהָם מַתָּנֹת וַיְשַׁלְּחֵם מֵעַל יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ בְּעוֹדֶנּוּ

bekah, and said unto her, Our sister, be thou[a] the mother of thousands of myriads, and let thy seed possess the gate of those who hate them. 61. And Rebekah arose with her maidens, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man; and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62. And Isaac came from a walk to the well Lachai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country; 63. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field towards evening; and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, camels were coming. 64. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and she saw Isaac; and she lighted off the camel. 65. And she said unto the servant, Who is yonder man that walketh in the field towards us? And the servant said, It is my master; therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. 66. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67. And Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.*

CHAP. XXV. 1. Then Abraham took again a wife, and her name was Keturah. 2. And she bore him Zimran, and Yokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Yishbak, and Shuach. 3. And Yokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. 4. And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Chanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. 5. And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. 6. But unto the sons of the concubines that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he was yet living,

[a] ה׳ה ל the construction here employed, always denotes a transition or change, almost synonymous with the English "to become;" thus then, "become thou thousands of myriads," the words "mother of," being understood and added to supply the hiatus in the sentence.

7 חָי קֵדְמָה אֶל־אֶרֶץ קֶדֶם׃ וְאֵלֶּה יְמֵי שְׁנֵי־חַיֵּי
אַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר־חָי מְאַת שָׁנָה וְשִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה
8 וְחָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים׃ וַיִּגְוַע וַיָּמָת אַבְרָהָם בְּשֵׂיבָה טוֹבָה
9 זָקֵן וְשָׂבֵעַ וַיֵּאָסֶף אֶל־עַמָּיו׃ וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ יִצְחָק
וְיִשְׁמָעֵאל בָּנָיו אֶל־מְעָרַת הַמַּכְפֵּלָה אֶל־שְׂדֵה
עֶפְרֹן בֶּן־צֹחַר הַחִתִּי אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי מַמְרֵא׃
10 הַשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר־קָנָה אַבְרָהָם מֵאֵת בְּנֵי־חֵת שָׁמָּה
11 קֻבַּר אַבְרָהָם וְשָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ׃ וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי מוֹת
אַבְרָהָם וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיֵּשֶׁב יִצְחָק
עִם־בְּאֵר לַחַי רֹאִי׃ פ שביעי
12 וְאֵלֶּה תֹּלְדֹת יִשְׁמָעֵאל בֶּן־אַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה
13 הָגָר הַמִּצְרִית שִׁפְחַת שָׂרָה לְאַבְרָהָם׃ וְאֵלֶּה
שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׁמָעֵאל בִּשְׁמֹתָם לְתוֹלְדֹתָם בְּכֹר
14 יִשְׁמָעֵאל נְבָיֹת וְקֵדָר וְאַדְבְּאֵל וּמִבְשָׂם׃ וּמִשְׁמָע
15 וְדוּמָה וּמַשָּׂא׃ חֲדַד וְתֵימָא יְטוּר נָפִישׁ וָקֵדְמָה׃
16 אֵלֶּה הֵם בְּנֵי יִשְׁמָעֵאל וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמֹתָם בְּחַצְרֵיהֶם
17 וּבְטִירֹתָם שְׁנֵים־עָשָׂר נְשִׂיאִם לְאֻמֹּתָם׃ וְאֵלֶּה
שְׁנֵי חַיֵּי יִשְׁמָעֵאל מְאַת שָׁנָה וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה
18 וְשֶׁבַע שָׁנִים וַיִּגְוַע וַיָּמָת וַיֵּאָסֶף אֶל־עַמָּיו׃ וַיִּשְׁכְּנוּ
מֵחֲוִילָה עַד־שׁוּר אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי מִצְרַיִם בֹּאֲכָה
אַשּׁוּרָה עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־אֶחָיו נָפָל׃ פ

* מפטיר

eastward, unto the east country. 7. And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, one hundred seventy and five years. 8. Then Abraham departed this life, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. 9. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zoçhar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; 10. The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, with Sarah his wife. 11. And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lachai-roi.*

12. Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore unto Abraham. 13. And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebayoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 14. And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, 15. Chadad, and Tema, Yetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.* 16. These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations. 17. And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, one hundred and thirty and seven years: and he departed this life and died; and was gathered unto his people. 18. And they dwelt from Chavilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria:[a] he dwelled in the presence of all his brethren.

[a] Meaning, that Ishmael in his descendants settled himself along the whole extent of country occupied by all his other brethren descended from Abraham. See above, ch. xvi. 12. ARNHEIM gives, "he settled eastward of all his brothers," which idea, however, is combated as incorrect by others, because Ishmael's descendants lived not eastward of all other sons of Abraham.

19 וְאֵ֛לֶּה תּוֹלְדֹ֥ת יִצְחָ֖ק בֶּן־אַבְרָהָ֑ם אַבְרָהָ֖ם הוֹלִ֥יד
20 אֶת־יִצְחָֽק׃ וַיְהִ֣י יִצְחָ֗ק בֶּן־אַרְבָּעִ֣ים שָׁנָ֔ה בְּקַחְתּ֣וֹ
אֶת־רִבְקָ֗ה בַּת־בְּתוּאֵל֙ הָֽאֲרַמִּ֔י מִפַּדַּ֖ן אֲרָ֑ם אֲח֛וֹת
21 לָבָ֥ן הָאֲרַמִּ֖י ל֥וֹ לְאִשָּֽׁה׃ וַיֶּעְתַּ֨ר יִצְחָ֤ק לַֽיהוָה֙
לְנֹ֣כַח אִשְׁתּ֔וֹ כִּ֥י עֲקָרָ֖ה הִ֑וא וַיֵּעָ֤תֶר לוֹ֙ יְהוָ֔ה
22 וַתַּ֖הַר רִבְקָ֥ה אִשְׁתּֽוֹ׃ וַיִּתְרֹֽצֲצ֤וּ הַבָּנִים֙ בְּקִרְבָּ֔הּ
וַתֹּ֣אמֶר אִם־כֵּ֔ן לָ֥מָּה זֶּ֖ה אָנֹ֑כִי וַתֵּ֖לֶךְ לִדְרֹ֥שׁ אֶת־
23 יְהוָֽה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר֩ יְהוָ֨ה לָ֜הּ שְׁנֵ֤י גֹיִים֙ בְּבִטְנֵ֔ךְ וּשְׁנֵ֣י
לְאֻמִּ֔ים מִמֵּעַ֖יִךְ יִפָּרֵ֑דוּ וּלְאֹם֙ מִלְאֹ֣ם יֶֽאֱמָ֔ץ וְרַ֖ב
24 יַעֲבֹ֥ד צָעִֽיר׃ וַיִּמְלְא֥וּ יָמֶ֖יהָ לָלֶ֑דֶת וְהִנֵּ֥ה תוֹמִ֖ם
25 בְּבִטְנָֽהּ׃ וַיֵּצֵ֤א הָרִאשׁוֹן֙ אַדְמוֹנִ֔י כֻּלּ֖וֹ כְּאַדֶּ֣רֶת שֵׂעָ֑ר
26 וַיִּקְרְא֥וּ שְׁמ֖וֹ עֵשָֽׂו׃ וְאַֽחֲרֵי־כֵ֞ן יָצָ֣א אָחִ֗יו וְיָד֤וֹ
אֹחֶ֙זֶת֙ בַּעֲקֵ֣ב עֵשָׂ֔ו וַיִּקְרָ֥א שְׁמ֖וֹ יַעֲקֹ֑ב וְיִצְחָ֛ק
27 בֶּן־שִׁשִּׁ֥ים שָׁנָ֖ה בְּלֶ֥דֶת אֹתָֽם׃ וַֽיִּגְדְּלוּ֙ הַנְּעָרִ֔ים
וַיְהִ֣י עֵשָׂ֗ו אִ֛ישׁ יֹדֵ֥עַ צַ֖יִד אִ֣ישׁ שָׂדֶ֑ה וְיַעֲקֹב֙ אִ֣ישׁ
28 תָּ֔ם יֹשֵׁ֖ב אֹהָלִֽים׃ וַיֶּֽאֱהַ֥ב יִצְחָ֛ק אֶת־עֵשָׂ֖ו כִּי־
29 צַ֣יִד בְּפִ֑יו וְרִבְקָ֖ה אֹהֶ֥בֶת אֶֽת־יַעֲקֹֽב׃ וַיָּ֥זֶד יַעֲקֹ֖ב
30 נָזִ֑יד וַיָּבֹ֥א עֵשָׂ֛ו מִן־הַשָּׂדֶ֖ה וְה֥וּא עָיֵֽף׃ וַיֹּ֨אמֶר
עֵשָׂ֜ו אֶֽל־יַעֲקֹ֗ב הַלְעִיטֵ֤נִי נָא֙ מִן־הָאָדֹ֤ם הָאָדֹם֙
הַזֶּ֔ה כִּ֥י עָיֵ֖ף אָנֹ֑כִי עַל־כֵּ֥ן קָרָֽא־שְׁמ֖וֹ אֱדֽוֹם׃
31 32 וַיֹּ֖אמֶר יַעֲקֹ֑ב מִכְרָ֥ה כַיּ֛וֹם אֶת־בְּכֹרָֽתְךָ֖ לִֽי׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר

* גוים קרי

TOLEDOTH. 19. And these are the generations of Isaac, the son of Abraham; Abraham begat Isaac. 20. And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian, of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian, to himself as wife. 21. And Isaac entreated the Lord in behalf of his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why did I desire this?[a] And she went to inquire of the Lord. 23. And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. 24. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. 26. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. 27. And the boys grew up: and Esau was an expert hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. 28. And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison; but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29. And Jacob sod pottage, and Esau came from the field, and he was faint. 30. And Esau said to Jacob, Let me swallow down, I pray thee, some of that yonder red pottage, for I am faint; therefore was his name called Edom. 31. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy right of first born. 32. And

[a] Rashi, "Why did I desire and pray for conception?" Aben Ezra, "Why am I different from others?" Others again explain it as an ellipsis: "If I suffer so, why am I thus (in the world)?" meaning, death would be preferable.

עֵשָׂו הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוּת וְלָמָּה־זֶּה לִי בְּכֹרָה׃
33 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב הִשָּׁבְעָה לִּי כַּיּוֹם וַיִּשָּׁבַע לוֹ
34 וַיִּמְכֹּר אֶת־בְּכֹרָתוֹ לְיַעֲקֹב׃ וְיַעֲקֹב נָתַן לְעֵשָׂו
לֶחֶם וּנְזִיד עֲדָשִׁים וַיֹּאכַל וַיֵּשְׁתְּ וַיָּקָם וַיֵּלַךְ
כו וַיִּבֶז עֵשָׂו אֶת־הַבְּכֹרָה׃ פ
1 וַיְהִי רָעָב בָּאָרֶץ מִלְּבַד הָרָעָב הָרִאשׁוֹן אֲשֶׁר
הָיָה בִּימֵי אַבְרָהָם וַיֵּלֶךְ יִצְחָק אֶל־אֲבִימֶלֶךְ
2 מֶלֶךְ־פְּלִשְׁתִּים גְּרָרָה׃ וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר
אַל־תֵּרֵד מִצְרָיְמָה שְׁכֹן בָּאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֹמַר
3 אֵלֶיךָ׃ גּוּר בָּאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וְאֶהְיֶה עִמְּךָ וַאֲבָרְכֶךָּ
כִּי־לְךָ וּלְזַרְעֲךָ אֶתֵּן אֶת־כָּל־הָאֲרָצֹת הָאֵל
וַהֲקִמֹתִי אֶת־הַשְּׁבֻעָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאַבְרָהָם
4 אָבִיךָ׃ וְהִרְבֵּיתִי אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ כְּכוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְנָתַתִּי לְזַרְעֲךָ אֵת כָּל־הָאֲרָצֹת הָאֵל וְהִתְבָּרְכוּ
5 בְזַרְעֲךָ כֹּל גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ׃ עֵקֶב אֲשֶׁר־שָׁמַע
אַבְרָהָם בְּקֹלִי וַיִּשְׁמֹר מִשְׁמַרְתִּי מִצְוֺתַי חֻקּוֹתַי
6 7 וְתוֹרֹתָי׃ * וַיֵּשֶׁב יִצְחָק בִּגְרָר׃ וַיִּשְׁאֲלוּ אַנְשֵׁי
הַמָּקוֹם לְאִשְׁתּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲחֹתִי הִוא כִּי יָרֵא לֵאמֹר
אִשְׁתִּי פֶּן־יַהַרְגֻנִי אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם עַל־רִבְקָה כִּי־
8 טוֹבַת מַרְאֶה הִוא׃ וַיְהִי כִּי־אָרְכוּ־לוֹ שָׁם הַיָּמִים
וַיַּשְׁקֵף אֲבִימֶלֶךְ מֶלֶךְ פְּלִשְׁתִּים בְּעַד הַחַלּוֹן

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Esau said, Behold, I am going to die; and what profit then can the right of first born be to me? 33. And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his right of first born unto Jacob. 34. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles, and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way; thus Esau despised his birthright.

CHAP. XXVI. 1. And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham; and Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. 2. And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of. 3. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; 4. And I will cause thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and I will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves. 5. Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge,[a] my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.* 6. And Isaac dwelt in Gerar. 7. And the men of the place asked him concerning his wife; and he said, She is my sister; for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, (said he,) the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah, because she is of a handsome appearance. 8. And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and

[a] "My charge, the belief in God, for he believed in the Unity, and kept this faith in his heart, contending with idolators, and publicly proclaiming the truth, to bring many to God's service; my commandments, in whatever he was ordered, as to go out from his land, &c.; my statutes, to walk in the way of the Lord in the exercise of mercy; and laws, as circumcision and the Noachite precepts."—After RAMBAN.

וַיַּ֗רְא וְהִנֵּה֙ יִצְחָק֙ מְצַחֵ֔ק אֵ֖ת רִבְקָ֥ה אִשְׁתּֽוֹ׃
9 וַיִּקְרָ֨א אֲבִימֶ֜לֶךְ לְיִצְחָ֗ק וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ אַ֣ךְ הִנֵּ֤ה אִשְׁתְּךָ֙
ה֔וּא וְאֵ֥יךְ אָמַ֖רְתָּ אֲחֹ֣תִי הִ֑וא וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֵלָיו֙ יִצְחָ֔ק
10 כִּ֣י אָמַ֔רְתִּי פֶּן־אָמ֖וּת עָלֶֽיהָ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֲבִימֶ֔לֶךְ
מַה־זֹּ֖את עָשִׂ֣יתָ לָּ֑נוּ כִּ֠מְעַט שָׁכַ֞ב אַחַ֤ד הָעָם֙
11 אֶת־אִשְׁתֶּ֔ךָ וְהֵבֵאתָ֥ עָלֵ֖ינוּ אָשָֽׁם׃ וַיְצַ֣ו אֲבִימֶ֔לֶךְ
אֶת־כָּל־הָעָ֖ם לֵאמֹ֑ר הַנֹּגֵ֗עַ בָּאִ֥ישׁ הַזֶּ֛ה וּבְאִשְׁתּ֖וֹ
12 מ֥וֹת יוּמָֽת׃ וַיִּזְרַ֤ע יִצְחָק֙ בָּאָ֣רֶץ הַהִ֔וא וַיִּמְצָ֛א
בַּשָּׁנָ֥ה הַהִ֖וא מֵאָ֣ה שְׁעָרִ֑ים וַֽיְבָרְכֵ֖הוּ יְהוָֽה׃ *
13 וַיִּגְדַּ֖ל הָאִ֑ישׁ וַיֵּ֤לֶךְ הָלוֹךְ֙ וְגָדֵ֔ל עַ֥ד כִּֽי־גָדַ֖ל מְאֹֽד׃
14 וַֽיְהִי־ל֤וֹ מִקְנֵה־צֹאן֙ וּמִקְנֵ֣ה בָקָ֔ר וַעֲבֻדָּ֖ה רַבָּ֑ה
15 וַיְקַנְא֥וּ אֹת֖וֹ פְּלִשְׁתִּֽים׃ וְכָל־הַבְּאֵרֹ֗ת אֲשֶׁ֤ר חָֽפְרוּ֙
עַבְדֵ֣י אָבִ֔יו בִּימֵ֖י אַבְרָהָ֣ם אָבִ֑יו סִתְּמ֣וּם פְּלִשְׁתִּ֔ים
16 וַיְמַלְא֖וּם עָפָֽר׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר אֲבִימֶ֖לֶךְ אֶל־יִצְחָ֑ק לֵ֚ךְ
17 מֵֽעִמָּ֔נוּ כִּֽי־עָצַ֥מְתָּ מִמֶּ֖נּוּ מְאֹֽד׃ וַיֵּ֥לֶךְ מִשָּׁ֖ם יִצְחָ֑ק
18 וַיִּ֥חַן בְּנַֽחַל־גְּרָ֖ר וַיֵּ֥שֶׁב שָֽׁם׃ וַיָּ֨שָׁב יִצְחָ֜ק וַיַּחְפֹּ֣ר ׀
אֶת־בְּאֵרֹ֣ת הַמַּ֗יִם אֲשֶׁ֤ר חָֽפְרוּ֙ בִּימֵי֙ אַבְרָהָ֣ם אָבִ֔יו
וַיְסַתְּמ֣וּם פְּלִשְׁתִּ֔ים אַחֲרֵ֖י מ֣וֹת אַבְרָהָ֑ם וַיִּקְרָ֤א
19 לָהֶן֙ שֵׁמ֔וֹת כַּשֵּׁמֹ֕ת אֲשֶׁר־קָרָ֥א לָהֶ֖ן אָבִֽיו׃ וַיַּחְפְּר֥וּ
עַבְדֵֽי־יִצְחָ֖ק בַּנָּ֑חַל וַיִּ֨מְצְאוּ־שָׁ֔ם בְּאֵ֖ר מַ֥יִם חַיִּֽים׃
20 וַיָּרִ֜יבוּ רֹעֵ֣י גְרָ֗ר עִם־רֹעֵ֥י יִצְחָ֖ק לֵאמֹ֣ר לָ֣נוּ הַמָּ֑יִם

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saw, and behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. 9. And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I thought,[a] perhaps I may die for her. 10. And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? How easily might one of the people have lain with thy wife, and thou wouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. 11. And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. 12. Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundred-fold:[b] so the Lord blessed him.* 13. And the man became great, and went forward and grew, until he became very great. 14. And he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants; and the Philistines envied him. 15. And all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, these the Philistines stopped, and filled them with earth. 16. And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou hast become much mightier than we. 17. And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18. And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19. And the servants of Isaac dug in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. 20. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying,

[a] אמר "to say," in Hebrew, very often refers to thought, or speaking to oneself, so here "I said to myself," "or thought."

[b] "The estimated increase, a hundred fold."—Rashi.

21 וַיִּקְרָ֥א שֵׁם־הַבְּאֵ֖ר עֵ֑שֶׂק כִּ֥י הִֽתְעַשְּׂק֖וּ עִמּֽוֹ׃ וַֽיַּחְפְּרוּ֙
בְּאֵ֣ר אַחֶ֔רֶת וַיָּרִ֖יבוּ גַּם־עָלֶ֑יהָ וַיִּקְרָ֥א שְׁמָ֖הּ שִׂטְנָֽה׃
22 וַיַּעְתֵּ֣ק מִשָּׁ֗ם וַיַּחְפֹּר֙ בְּאֵ֣ר אַחֶ֔רֶת וְלֹ֥א רָב֖וּ עָלֶ֑יהָ
וַיִּקְרָ֤א שְׁמָהּ֙ רְחֹב֔וֹת וַיֹּ֕אמֶר כִּֽי־עַתָּ֞ה הִרְחִ֧יב
23 יְהוָ֛ה לָ֖נוּ וּפָרִ֥ינוּ בָאָֽרֶץ׃ * וַיַּ֥עַל מִשָּׁ֖ם בְּאֵ֥ר שָֽׁבַע׃
24 וַיֵּרָ֨א אֵלָ֤יו יְהוָה֙ בַּלַּ֣יְלָה הַה֔וּא וַיֹּ֕אמֶר אָנֹכִ֕י
אֱלֹהֵ֖י אַבְרָהָ֣ם אָבִ֑יךָ אַל־תִּירָא֙ כִּֽי־אִתְּךָ֣ אָנֹ֔כִי
וּבֵֽרַכְתִּ֙יךָ֙ וְהִרְבֵּיתִ֣י אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ֔ בַּעֲב֖וּר אַבְרָהָ֥ם
25 עַבְדִּֽי׃ וַיִּ֧בֶן שָׁ֣ם מִזְבֵּ֗חַ וַיִּקְרָא֙ בְּשֵׁ֣ם יְהוָ֔ה וַיֶּט־שָׁ֖ם
26 אָהֳל֑וֹ וַיִּכְרוּ־שָׁ֥ם עַבְדֵֽי־יִצְחָ֖ק בְּאֵֽר׃ וַאֲבִימֶ֕לֶךְ הָלַ֥ךְ
27 אֵלָ֖יו מִגְּרָ֑ר וַאֲחֻזַּת֙ מֵֽרֵעֵ֔הוּ וּפִיכֹ֖ל שַׂר־צְבָאֽוֹ׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר
אֲלֵהֶם֙ יִצְחָ֔ק מַדּ֖וּעַ בָּאתֶ֣ם אֵלָ֑י וְאַתֶּם֙ שְׂנֵאתֶ֣ם
28 אֹתִ֔י וַתְּשַׁלְּח֖וּנִי מֵאִתְּכֶֽם׃ וַיֹּאמְר֗וּ רָא֣וֹ רָאִינוּ֮ כִּֽי־
הָיָ֣ה יְהוָ֣ה ׀ עִמָּךְ֒ וַנֹּ֗אמֶר תְּהִ֨י נָ֥א אָלָ֛ה בֵּינוֹתֵ֖ינוּ
29 בֵּינֵ֣ינוּ וּבֵינֶ֑ךָ וְנִכְרְתָ֥ה בְרִ֖ית עִמָּֽךְ׃ אִם־תַּעֲשֵׂ֨ה
עִמָּ֜נוּ רָעָ֗ה כַּאֲשֶׁר֙ לֹ֣א נְגַֽעֲנ֔וּךָ וְכַאֲשֶׁ֨ר עָשִׂ֤ינוּ
עִמְּךָ֙ רַק־ט֔וֹב וַנְּשַֽׁלֵּחֲךָ֖ בְּשָׁל֑וֹם אַתָּ֥ה עַתָּ֖ה בְּר֥וּךְ
30 31 יְהוָֽה׃ * וַיַּ֤עַשׂ לָהֶם֙ מִשְׁתֶּ֔ה וַיֹּאכְל֖וּ וַיִּשְׁתּֽוּ׃ וַיַּשְׁכִּ֣ימוּ
בַבֹּ֔קֶר וַיִּשָּׁבְע֖וּ אִ֣ישׁ לְאָחִ֑יו וַיְשַׁלְּחֵ֣ם יִצְחָ֔ק וַיֵּלְכ֥וּ
32 מֵאִתּ֖וֹ בְּשָׁלֽוֹם׃ וַיְהִ֣י ׀ בַּיּ֣וֹם הַה֗וּא וַיָּבֹ֙אוּ֙ עַבְדֵ֣י
יִצְחָ֔ק וַיַּגִּ֣דוּ ל֔וֹ עַל־אֹד֥וֹת הַבְּאֵ֖ר אֲשֶׁ֣ר חָפָ֑רוּ

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The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. 21. And they dug another well, and they strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. 22. And he removed from there, and dug another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rechoboth, and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall increase in the land.* 23. And he went up from there to Beërsheba. 24. And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father; fear not, for I am with thee, and I will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for the sake of Abraham my servant. 25. And he built there an altar, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched there his tent: and the servants of Isaac dug there a well. 26. Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Achuzzath his friend, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. 27. And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing that ye do hate me, and have sent me away from you? 28. And they said, We saw clearly that the Lord was with thee; and we said, Let there be now an oath between us two, between us and thee: and we will make a covenant with thee; 29. That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now one blessed of the Lord.* 30. And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31. And they rose up betimes in the morning, and they swore one to the other; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. 32. And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had dug, and they said unto him, We have found water.

33 וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ מָצָאנוּ מָיִם׃ וַיִּקְרָא אֹתָהּ שִׁבְעָה
עַל־כֵּן שֵׁם־הָעִיר בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע עַד הַיּוֹם
34 הַזֶּה׃ ס וַיְהִי עֵשָׂו בֶּן־אַרְבָּעִים
שָׁנָה וַיִּקַּח אִשָּׁה אֶת־יְהוּדִית בַּת־בְּאֵרִי הַחִתִּי
35 וְאֶת־בָּשְׂמַת בַּת־אֵילֹן הַחִתִּי׃ וַתִּהְיֶיןָ מֹרַת רוּחַ
כז
1 לְיִצְחָק וּלְרִבְקָה׃ ס וַיְהִי כִּי־זָקֵן
יִצְחָק וַתִּכְהֶיןָ עֵינָיו מֵרְאֹת וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־עֵשָׂו ׀
בְּנוֹ הַגָּדֹל וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו בְּנִי וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הִנֵּנִי׃
2 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה־נָא זָקַנְתִּי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי יוֹם מוֹתִי׃
3 וְעַתָּה שָׂא־נָא כֵלֶיךָ תֶּלְיְךָ וְקַשְׁתֶּךָ וְצֵא הַשָּׂדֶה
4 וְצוּדָה לִּי צָיִדה*׃ וַעֲשֵׂה־לִי מַטְעַמִּים כַּאֲשֶׁר
אָהַבְתִּי וְהָבִיאָה לִּי וְאֹכֵלָה בַּעֲבוּר תְּבָרֶכְךָ
5 נַפְשִׁי בְּטֶרֶם אָמוּת׃ וְרִבְקָה שֹׁמַעַת בְּדַבֵּר
יִצְחָק אֶל־עֵשָׂו בְּנוֹ וַיֵּלֶךְ עֵשָׂו הַשָּׂדֶה לָצוּד
6 צַיִד לְהָבִיא׃ וְרִבְקָה אָמְרָה אֶל־יַעֲקֹב בְּנָהּ
לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה שָׁמַעְתִּי אֶת־אָבִיךָ מְדַבֵּר אֶל־
7 עֵשָׂו אָחִיךָ לֵאמֹר׃ הָבִיאָה לִּי צַיִד וַעֲשֵׂה־לִי
מַטְעַמִּים וְאֹכֵלָה וַאֲבָרֶכְכָה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לִפְנֵי
8 מוֹתִי׃ וְעַתָּה בְנִי שְׁמַע בְּקֹלִי לַאֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוָּה
9 אֹתָךְ׃ לֶךְ־נָא אֶל־הַצֹּאן וְקַח־לִי מִשָּׁם שְׁנֵי גְּדָיֵי עִזִּים
טֹבִים וְאֶעֱשֶׂה אֹתָם מַטְעַמִּים לְאָבִיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר

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33. And he called it Shibah: therefore is the name of the city Beër-sheba unto this day.

34. And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beëri, the Hittite, and Bahsemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35. And they were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

CHAP. XXVII. 1. And it came to pass, when Isaac was old, and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold here am I. 2. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: 3. Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and hunt for me some venison; 4. And make me savoury food, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.[a] 5. And Rebekah heard as Isaac was speaking to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. 6. And Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, 7. Bring me venison, and make me savoury food, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. 8. And now, my son, obey my voice in that which I command thee. 9. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from there two good young goats; and I will make them savoury food for thy father, such as he loveth: 10. And thou

[a] "It was his desire to bless him, that he might obtain the blessing of Abraham, to inherit the land, and to be the one in covenant with God, because he was the first-born; and it is probable that Rebekah had never revealed to him the prophecy given to her before the birth of the children, or else Isaac would certainly not have wished to give a blessing against the will of God, which could thus be of no avail. We must, however, look upon the whole as providential."—RAMBAN.

10 אָהֵב׃ וְהֵבֵאתָ לְאָבִיךָ וְאָכָל בַּעֲבֻר אֲשֶׁר
11 יְבָרֶכְךָ לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־רִבְקָה אִמּוֹ
הֵן עֵשָׂו אָחִי אִישׁ שָׂעִר וְאָנֹכִי אִישׁ חָלָק׃
12 אוּלַי יְמֻשֵּׁנִי אָבִי וְהָיִיתִי בְעֵינָיו כִּמְתַעְתֵּעַ
13 וְהֵבֵאתִי עָלַי קְלָלָה וְלֹא בְרָכָה׃ וַתֹּאמֶר לוֹ
אִמּוֹ עָלַי קִלְלָתְךָ בְּנִי אַךְ שְׁמַע בְּקֹלִי וְלֵךְ קַח־
14 לִי׃ וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיִּקַּח וַיָּבֵא לְאִמּוֹ וַתַּעַשׂ אִמּוֹ מַטְעַמִּים
15 כַּאֲשֶׁר אָהֵב אָבִיו׃ וַתִּקַּח רִבְקָה אֶת־בִּגְדֵי עֵשָׂו
בְּנָהּ הַגָּדֹל הַחֲמֻדֹת אֲשֶׁר אִתָּהּ בַּבָּיִת וַתַּלְבֵּשׁ
16 אֶת־יַעֲקֹב בְּנָהּ הַקָּטָן׃ וְאֵת עֹרֹת גְּדָיֵי הָעִזִּים
17 הִלְבִּישָׁה עַל־יָדָיו וְעַל חֶלְקַת צַוָּארָיו׃ וַתִּתֵּן
אֶת־הַמַּטְעַמִּים וְאֶת־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂתָה בְּיַד
18 יַעֲקֹב בְּנָהּ׃ וַיָּבֹא אֶל־אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר
19 הִנֶּנִּי מִי אַתָּה בְּנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־אָבִיו אָנֹכִי
עֵשָׂו בְּכֹרֶךָ עָשִׂיתִי כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתָּ אֵלָי קוּם־נָא
שְׁבָה וְאָכְלָה מִצֵּידִי בַּעֲבוּר תְּבָרֲכַנִּי נַפְשֶׁךָ׃
20 וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־בְּנוֹ מַה־זֶּה מִהַרְתָּ לִמְצֹא בְּנִי
21 וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי הִקְרָה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְפָנָי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
יִצְחָק אֶל־יַעֲקֹב גְּשָׁה־נָּא וַאֲמֻשְׁךָ בְּנִי הַאַתָּה
22 זֶה בְּנִי עֵשָׂו אִם־לֹא׃ וַיִּגַּשׁ יַעֲקֹב אֶל־יִצְחָק אָבִיו
וַיְמֻשֵּׁהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר הַקֹּל קוֹל יַעֲקֹב וְהַיָּדַיִם יְדֵי עֵשָׂו׃

shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat; for the sake that he may bless thee before his death. 11. And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: 12. My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I would bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. 13. And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son, only obey my voice, and go fetch them to me. 14. And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother; and his mother made savoury food, such as his father loved. 15. And Rebekah took the goodly garments of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son; 16. And the skins of the kids she put upon his hands, and upon the smooth part of his neck; 17. And she gave the savoury food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. 18. And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? 19. And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done as thou didst speak to me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. 20. And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it before me. 21. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be truly my son Esau or not. 22. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father, and he felt him; and he said, The voice is the voice[a] of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau. 23. And he recog-

[a] There was probably a similarity in their voices, and Isaac failed, therefore, to recognise Jacob fully, because his hands were then hairy.

23 וְלֹא הִכִּירוֹ כִּי־הָיוּ יָדָיו כִּידֵי עֵשָׂו אָחִיו שְׂעִרֹת
24 וַיְבָרְכֵהוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אַתָּה זֶה בְּנִי עֵשָׂו וַיֹּאמֶר אָנִי׃
25 וַיֹּאמֶר הַגִּשָׁה לִּי וְאֹכְלָה מִצֵּיד בְּנִי לְמַעַן תְּבָרֶכְךָ
26 נַפְשִׁי וַיַּגֶּשׁ־לוֹ וַיֹּאכַל וַיָּבֵא לוֹ יַיִן וַיֵּשְׁתְּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
27 אֵלָיו יִצְחָק אָבִיו גְּשָׁה־נָּא וּשְׁקָה־לִּי בְּנִי׃ וַיִּגַּשׁ
וַיִּשַּׁק־לוֹ וַיָּרַח אֶת־רֵיחַ בְּגָדָיו וַיְבָרְכֵהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר
רְאֵה רֵיחַ בְּנִי כְּרֵיחַ שָׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר בֵּרֲכוֹ יְהוָה׃
28 וְיִתֶּן־לְךָ הָאֱלֹהִים מִטַּל הַשָּׁמַיִם וּמִשְׁמַנֵּי הָאָרֶץ
29 וְרֹב דָּגָן וְתִירֹשׁ׃ יַעַבְדוּךָ עַמִּים וְיִשְׁתַּחֲוֻ לְךָ
לְאֻמִּים הֱוֵה גְבִיר לְאַחֶיךָ וְיִשְׁתַּחֲווּ לְךָ בְּנֵי אִמֶּךָ
30 אֹרְרֶיךָ אָרוּר וּמְבָרְכֶיךָ בָּרוּךְ׃ וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר כִּלָּה
יִצְחָק לְבָרֵךְ אֶת־יַעֲקֹב וַיְהִי אַךְ יָצֹא יָצָא יַעֲקֹב
מֵאֵת פְּנֵי יִצְחָק אָבִיו וְעֵשָׂו אָחִיו בָּא מִצֵּידוֹ׃
31 וַיַּעַשׂ גַּם־הוּא מַטְעַמִּים וַיָּבֵא לְאָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר
לְאָבִיו יָקֻם אָבִי וְיֹאכַל מִצֵּיד בְּנוֹ בַּעֲבֻר תְּבָרֲכַנִּי
32 נַפְשֶׁךָ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יִצְחָק אָבִיו מִי־אָתָּה וַיֹּאמֶר
33 אֲנִי בִּנְךָ בְּכֹרְךָ עֵשָׂו׃ וַיֶּחֱרַד יִצְחָק חֲרָדָה גְּדֹלָה
עַד־מְאֹד וַיֹּאמֶר מִי־אֵפוֹא הוּא הַצָּד־צַיִד וַיָּבֵא
לִי וָאֹכַל מִכֹּל בְּטֶרֶם תָּבוֹא וָאֲבָרְכֵהוּ גַּם־בָּרוּךְ
34 יִהְיֶה׃ כִּשְׁמֹעַ עֵשָׂו אֶת־דִּבְרֵי אָבִיו וַיִּצְעַק צְעָקָה
גְּדֹלָה וּמָרָה עַד־מְאֹד וַיֹּאמֶר לְאָבִיו בָּרְכֵנִי גַם־

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nised him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. 24. And he said, Art thou indeed my son Esau? and he said, I am. 25. And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat, and he brought him wine, and he drank. 26. And Isaac his father said unto him, Come near, I pray thee, and kiss me, my son. 27. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him, and said,[a] See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed.* 28. And may God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine. 29. Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee; be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee; cursed be they that curse thee, and blessed be they that bless thee. 30. And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31. And he also had made savoury food, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. 32. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn, Esau. 33. And Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, Who was it? where is he that had hunted venison, and brought it me, and I ate of all before thou camest, and blessed him? yea, he shall also remain blessed. 34. When Esau heard the words of his father, he uttered a great and exceedingly bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, also me, my father. 35.

[a] According to Arnheim, the blessing commences at this word; compare with Hosea xiv. 7, where among the promises of a blissful future, the personification of happiness is represented under the words

35 אָנִי אָבִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר בָּא אָחִיךָ בְּמִרְמָה וַיִּקַּח
36 בִּרְכָתֶךָ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר הֲכִי קָרָא שְׁמוֹ יַעֲקֹב וַיַּעְקְבֵנִי
זֶה פַעֲמַיִם אֶת־בְּכֹרָתִי לָקָח וְהִנֵּה עַתָּה לָקַח
37 בִּרְכָתִי וַיֹּאמַר הֲלֹא־אָצַלְתָּ לִּי בְּרָכָה׃ וַיַּעַן
יִצְחָק וַיֹּאמֶר לְעֵשָׂו הֵן גְּבִיר שַׂמְתִּיו לָךְ וְאֶת־
כָּל־אֶחָיו נָתַתִּי לוֹ לַעֲבָדִים וְדָגָן וְתִירֹשׁ סְמַכְתִּיו
38 וּלְכָה אֵפוֹא מָה אֶעֱשֶׂה בְּנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו אֶל־
אָבִיו הַבְרָכָה אַחַת הִוא־לְךָ אָבִי בָּרְכֵנִי גַם־אָנִי
39 אָבִי וַיִּשָּׂא עֵשָׂו קֹלוֹ וַיֵּבְךְּ׃ וַיַּעַן יִצְחָק אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלָיו הִנֵּה מִשְׁמַנֵּי הָאָרֶץ יִהְיֶה מוֹשָׁבֶךָ וּמִטַּל
40 הַשָּׁמַיִם מֵעָל׃ וְעַל־חַרְבְּךָ תִחְיֶה וְאֶת־אָחִיךָ
תַּעֲבֹד וְהָיָה כַּאֲשֶׁר תָּרִיד וּפָרַקְתָּ עֻלּוֹ מֵעַל
41 צַוָּארֶךָ׃ וַיִּשְׂטֹם עֵשָׂו אֶת־יַעֲקֹב עַל־הַבְּרָכָה
אֲשֶׁר בֵּרֲכוֹ אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו בְּלִבּוֹ יִקְרְבוּ יְמֵי
42 אֵבֶל אָבִי וְאַהַרְגָה אֶת־יַעֲקֹב אָחִי׃ וַיֻּגַּד לְרִבְקָה
אֶת־דִּבְרֵי עֵשָׂו בְּנָהּ הַגָּדֹל וַתִּשְׁלַח וַתִּקְרָא
לְיַעֲקֹב בְּנָהּ הַקָּטָן וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הִנֵּה עֵשָׂו אָחִיךָ
43 מִתְנַחֵם לְךָ לְהָרְגֶךָ׃ וְעַתָּה בְנִי שְׁמַע בְּקֹלִי
44 וְקוּם בְּרַח־לְךָ אֶל־לָבָן אָחִי חָרָנָה׃ וְיָשַׁבְתָּ עִמּוֹ
45 יָמִים אֲחָדִים עַד אֲשֶׁר־תָּשׁוּב חֲמַת אָחִיךָ׃ עַד־
שׁוּב אַף־אָחִיךָ מִמְּךָ וְשָׁכַח אֵת אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתָ לּוֹ

And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and took away thy blessing. 36. And he said, Has he been therefore named Jacob, because he hath supplanted me these two times? my birthright he took away; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing; and he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? 37. And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I endowed him: and what can I do now unto thee, my son? 38. And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, also me, my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and blessed by the dew of heaven from above; 40. And by thy sword shalt thou live, and thy brother shalt thou serve; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. 41. And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father had blessed him; and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father will be at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. 42. And Rebekah was informed of the words of Esau her elder son: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau doth comfort himself, with regard to thee, purposing to kill thee. 43. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Charan; 44. And tarry with him a short time, until thy brother's fury turn away; 45. Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast

"And his smell shall be like that of Lebanon." The words which follow were prompted here by the excitement of the sense of smelling, as Jacob's garments gave forth the odour imbibed from field and forest flowers.

וְשָׁלַחְתִּי וּלְקַחְתִּיךָ מִשָּׁם לָמָה אֶשְׁכַּל גַּם־שְׁנֵיכֶם
46 יוֹם אֶחָד׃ וַתֹּאמֶר רִבְקָה אֶל־יִצְחָק *קַצְתִּי בְחַיַּי
מִפְּנֵי בְּנוֹת חֵת אִם־לֹקֵחַ יַעֲקֹב אִשָּׁה מִבְּנוֹת־חֵת
כח
1 כָּאֵלֶּה מִבְּנוֹת הָאָרֶץ לָמָּה לִּי חַיִּים׃ וַיִּקְרָא
יִצְחָק אֶל־יַעֲקֹב וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתוֹ וַיְצַוֵּהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ
2 לֹא־תִקַּח אִשָּׁה מִבְּנוֹת כְּנָעַן׃ קוּם לֵךְ פַּדֶּנָה אֲרָם
בֵּיתָה בְתוּאֵל אֲבִי אִמֶּךָ וְקַח־לְךָ מִשָּׁם אִשָּׁה
3 מִבְּנוֹת לָבָן אֲחִי אִמֶּךָ׃ וְאֵל שַׁדַּי יְבָרֵךְ אֹתְךָ
4 וְיַפְרְךָ וְיַרְבֶּךָ וְהָיִיתָ לִקְהַל עַמִּים׃ וְיִתֶּן־לְךָ אֶת־
בִּרְכַּת אַבְרָהָם לְךָ וּלְזַרְעֲךָ אִתָּךְ לְרִשְׁתְּךָ
אֶת־אֶרֶץ מְגֻרֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר־נָתַן אֱלֹהִים לְאַבְרָהָם׃*
5 וַיִּשְׁלַח יִצְחָק אֶת־יַעֲקֹב וַיֵּלֶךְ פַּדֶּנָה אֲרָם אֶל־
לָבָן בֶּן־בְּתוּאֵל הָאֲרַמִּי אֲחִי רִבְקָה אֵם יַעֲקֹב
6 וְעֵשָׂו׃ וַיַּרְא עֵשָׂו כִּי־בֵרַךְ יִצְחָק אֶת־יַעֲקֹב וְשִׁלַּח
אֹתוֹ פַּדֶּנָה אֲרָם לָקַחַת־לוֹ מִשָּׁם אִשָּׁה בְּבָרְכוֹ
אֹתוֹ וַיְצַו עָלָיו לֵאמֹר לֹא־תִקַּח אִשָּׁה מִבְּנוֹת
7 כְּנָעַן׃* וַיִּשְׁמַע יַעֲקֹב אֶל־אָבִיו וְאֶל־אִמּוֹ וַיֵּלֶךְ
8 פַּדֶּנָה אֲרָם׃ וַיַּרְא עֵשָׂו כִּי רָעוֹת בְּנוֹת כְּנָעַן בְּעֵינֵי
9 יִצְחָק אָבִיו׃ וַיֵּלֶךְ עֵשָׂו אֶל־יִשְׁמָעֵאל וַיִּקַּח אֶת־
מַחֲלַת ׀ בַּת־יִשְׁמָעֵאל בֶּן־אַבְרָהָם אֲחוֹת נְבָיוֹת
10 עַל־נָשָׁיו לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה׃ ס וַיֵּצֵא

* ק זעירא * שביעי * מפטיר

done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from there: why should I be deprived of both of you in one day? 46. And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good will life do me?

CHAP. XXVIII.

1. And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him,[a] and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. 2. Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thyself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. 3. And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest become a multitude of people; 4. And may he give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou sojournest, which God gave unto Abraham.* 5. And Isaac sent away Jacob, and he went to Padan-aram, unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau. 6. And when Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take himself from there a wife; and in blessing him had given him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;* 7. And that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram: 8. Then saw Esau that the daughters of Canaan were evil in the eyes of Isaac his father; 9. And Esau went unto Ishmael, and took Machalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebayoth in addition to his wives, to himself as wife.

[a] Confirmation of the blessing previously obtained; this proves that however much Isaac loved Esau, he was not unconscious of the great merits and piety of his younger son.

11 יַעֲקֹב מִבְּאֵר שָׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חָרָנָה׃ וַיִּפְגַּע בַּמָּקוֹם
וַיָּלֶן שָׁם כִּי־בָא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאַבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם
12 וַיָּשֶׂם מְרַאֲשֹׁתָיו וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּמָּקוֹם הַהוּא׃ וַיַּחֲלֹם
וְהִנֵּה סֻלָּם מֻצָּב אַרְצָה וְרֹאשׁוֹ מַגִּיעַ הַשָּׁמָיְמָה
13 וְהִנֵּה מַלְאֲכֵי אֱלֹהִים עֹלִים וְיֹרְדִים בּוֹ׃ וְהִנֵּה
יְהוָה נִצָּב עָלָיו וַיֹּאמַר אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם
אָבִיךָ וֵאלֹהֵי יִצְחָק הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב
14 עָלֶיהָ לְךָ אֶתְּנֶנָּה וּלְזַרְעֶךָ׃ וְהָיָה זַרְעֲךָ כַּעֲפַר
הָאָרֶץ וּפָרַצְתָּ יָמָּה וָקֵדְמָה וְצָפֹנָה וָנֶגְבָּה
וְנִבְרְכוּ בְךָ כָּל־מִשְׁפְּחֹת הָאֲדָמָה וּבְזַרְעֶךָ׃
15 וְהִנֵּה אָנֹכִי עִמָּךְ וּשְׁמַרְתִּיךָ בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־תֵּלֵךְ
וַהֲשִׁבֹתִיךָ אֶל־הָאֲדָמָה הַזֹּאת כִּי לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ
16 עַד אֲשֶׁר אִם־עָשִׂיתִי אֵת אֲשֶׁר־דִּבַּרְתִּי לָךְ׃ וַיִּיקַץ
יַעֲקֹב מִשְּׁנָתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אָכֵן יֵשׁ יְהוָה בַּמָּקוֹם
17 הַזֶּה וְאָנֹכִי לֹא יָדָעְתִּי׃ וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמַר מַה־נּוֹרָא
הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה כִּי אִם־בֵּית אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה
18 שַׁעַר הַשָּׁמָיִם׃ וַיַּשְׁכֵּם יַעֲקֹב בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּקַּח אֶת־
הָאֶבֶן אֲשֶׁר־שָׂם מְרַאֲשֹׁתָיו וַיָּשֶׂם אֹתָהּ מַצֵּבָה
19 וַיִּצֹק שֶׁמֶן עַל־רֹאשָׁהּ׃ וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם
הַהוּא בֵּית־אֵל וְאוּלָם לוּז שֵׁם־הָעִיר לָרִאשֹׁנָה׃
20 וַיִּדַּר יַעֲקֹב נֶדֶר לֵאמֹר אִם־יִהְיֶה אֱלֹהִים עִמָּדִי

VAYETZAY.

10. And Jacob went out from Beër-sheba, and went toward Charan. 11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of that place, and put it for his pillow, and laid himself down in that place. 12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder was set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north and to the south; and in thee and thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done what I have spoken to thee of. 16. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is present in this place; and I knew it not.[a] 17. And he was afraid, and said, How fearful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.[b] 18. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillow, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 19. And he called the name of that place Beth-el; but Luz was the name of that city in former times. 20. And Jacob made a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and

[a] If I had known it, I would not have slept in a place as holy as this.—RASHI.

[b] "The place whence prayers ascend to heaven."—RASHI. MENDELSSOHN adds: "From which the visions of God descend on earth."

וּשְׁמָרַנִי בַּדֶּרֶךְ הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ וְנָתַן־לִי
21 לֶחֶם לֶאֱכֹל וּבֶגֶד לִלְבֹּשׁ׃ וְשַׁבְתִּי בְשָׁלוֹם אֶל־
22 בֵּית אָבִי וְהָיָה יְהוָה לִי לֵאלֹהִים׃ וְהָאֶבֶן הַזֹּאת
כט אֲשֶׁר־שַׂמְתִּי מַצֵּבָה יִהְיֶה בֵּית אֱלֹהִים וְכֹל
1 אֲשֶׁר תִּתֶּן־לִי עַשֵּׂר אֲעַשְּׂרֶנּוּ לָךְ׃ * וַיִּשָּׂא יַעֲקֹב
2 רַגְלָיו וַיֵּלֶךְ אַרְצָה בְנֵי־קֶדֶם׃ וַיַּרְא וְהִנֵּה בְאֵר
בַּשָּׂדֶה וְהִנֵּה־שָׁם שְׁלֹשָׁה עֶדְרֵי־צֹאן רֹבְצִים
עָלֶיהָ כִּי מִן־הַבְּאֵר הַהִוא יַשְׁקוּ הָעֲדָרִים וְהָאֶבֶן
3 גְּדֹלָה עַל־פִּי הַבְּאֵר׃ וְנֶאֶסְפוּ־שָׁמָּה כָל־הָעֲדָרִים
וְגָלֲלוּ אֶת־הָאֶבֶן מֵעַל פִּי הַבְּאֵר וְהִשְׁקוּ אֶת־
הַצֹּאן וְהֵשִׁיבוּ אֶת־הָאֶבֶן עַל־פִּי הַבְּאֵר לִמְקֹמָהּ׃
4 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם יַעֲקֹב אַחַי מֵאַיִן אַתֶּם וַיֹּאמְרוּ מֵחָרָן
5 אֲנָחְנוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם הַיְדַעְתֶּם אֶת־לָבָן בֶּן־נָחוֹר
6 וַיֹּאמְרוּ יָדָעְנוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם הֲשָׁלוֹם לוֹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ
7 שָׁלוֹם וְהִנֵּה רָחֵל בִּתּוֹ בָּאָה עִם־הַצֹּאן׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
הֵן עוֹד הַיּוֹם גָּדוֹל לֹא־עֵת הֵאָסֵף הַמִּקְנֶה הַשְׁקוּ
8 הַצֹּאן וּלְכוּ רְעוּ׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא נוּכַל עַד אֲשֶׁר
יֵאָסְפוּ כָּל־הָעֲדָרִים וְגָלֲלוּ אֶת־הָאֶבֶן מֵעַל פִּי
9 הַבְּאֵר וְהִשְׁקִינוּ הַצֹּאן׃ עוֹדֶנּוּ מְדַבֵּר עִמָּם וְרָחֵל ׀
10 בָּאָה עִם־הַצֹּאן אֲשֶׁר לְאָבִיהָ כִּי רֹעָה הִוא׃ וַיְהִי
כַּאֲשֶׁר רָאָה יַעֲקֹב אֶת־רָחֵל בַּת־לָבָן אֲחִי אִמּוֹ

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will keep me on this way that I am going, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 21. And I come again in peace to my father's house: then shall the LORD be my God: 22. And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house;[a] and of all that thou wilt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.*

CHAP. XXIX.

1. Then Jacob lifted up his feet[b] and went unto the land of the children of the east. 2. And he looked, and behold there was a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and the stone upon the mouth of the well was great. 3. And there all the flocks were wont to assemble; and they rolled then the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the sheep; and they put the stone again upon the mouth of the well in its place. 4. And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence are ye? And they said, Of Charan are we. 5. And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nachor? And they said, We know him. 6. And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well; and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. 7. And he said, Lo, the day is yet long, it is not time that the cattle should be driven home; water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. 8. And they said, We cannot until all the flocks be gathered together, then can they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; and we can water the sheep. 9. And while he yet spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she was a shepherdess. 10. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of

[a] "Shall be the place where I will worship before the Lord."—ONKELOS.

[b] i. e. Pursued his journey.

וְאֶת־צֹאן לָבָן אֲחִי אִמּוֹ וַיִּגַּשׁ יַעֲקֹב וַיָּגֶל אֶת־
הָאֶבֶן מֵעַל פִּי הַבְּאֵר וַיַּשְׁקְ אֶת־צֹאן לָבָן אֲחִי
11 אִמּוֹ׃ וַיִּשַּׁק יַעֲקֹב לְרָחֵל וַיִּשָּׂא אֶת־קֹלוֹ וַיֵּבְךְּ׃
12 וַיַּגֵּד יַעֲקֹב לְרָחֵל כִּי אֲחִי אָבִיהָ הוּא וְכִי בֶן־רִבְקָה
13 הוּא וַתָּרָץ וַתַּגֵּד לְאָבִיהָ׃ וַיְהִי כִשְׁמֹעַ לָבָן אֶת־
שֵׁמַע ׀ יַעֲקֹב בֶּן־אֲחֹתוֹ וַיָּרָץ לִקְרָאתוֹ וַיְחַבֶּק־לוֹ
וַיְנַשֶּׁק־לוֹ וַיְבִיאֵהוּ אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ וַיְסַפֵּר לְלָבָן אֵת
14 כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ לָבָן אַךְ עַצְמִי
15 וּבְשָׂרִי אָתָּה וַיֵּשֶׁב עִמּוֹ חֹדֶשׁ יָמִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָבָן
לְיַעֲקֹב הֲכִי־אָחִי אַתָּה וַעֲבַדְתַּנִי חִנָּם הַגִּידָה לִּי
16 מַה־מַּשְׂכֻּרְתֶּךָ׃ וּלְלָבָן שְׁתֵּי בָנוֹת שֵׁם הַגְּדֹלָה
17 לֵאָה וְשֵׁם הַקְּטַנָּה רָחֵל׃ וְעֵינֵי לֵאָה רַכּוֹת וְרָחֵל
18 הָיְתָה יְפַת־תֹּאַר וִיפַת מַרְאֶה׃* וַיֶּאֱהַב יַעֲקֹב אֶת־
רָחֵל וַיֹּאמֶר אֶעֱבָדְךָ שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים בְּרָחֵל בִּתְּךָ
19 הַקְּטַנָּה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָבָן טוֹב תִּתִּי אֹתָהּ לָךְ מִתִּתִּי
20 אֹתָהּ לְאִישׁ אַחֵר שְׁבָה עִמָּדִי׃ וַיַּעֲבֹד יַעֲקֹב
בְּרָחֵל שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים וַיִּהְיוּ בְעֵינָיו כְּיָמִים אֲחָדִים
21 בְּאַהֲבָתוֹ אֹתָהּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־לָבָן הָבָה אֶת־
22 אִשְׁתִּי כִּי מָלְאוּ יָמָי וְאָבוֹאָה אֵלֶיהָ׃ וַיֶּאֱסֹף לָבָן
23 אֶת־כָּל־אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם וַיַּעַשׂ מִשְׁתֶּה׃ וַיְהִי בָעֶרֶב
וַיִּקַּח אֶת־לֵאָה בִתּוֹ וַיָּבֵא אֹתָהּ אֵלָיו וַיָּבֹא אֵלֶיהָ׃

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Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. 11. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. 12. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. 13. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. 14. And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. 15. And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for naught? tell me, what shall thy wages be? 16. And Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17. And the eyes of Leah were tender; but Rachel was of handsome form and handsome appearance.* 18. And Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. 19. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. 20. And Jacob served for Rachel seven years; and they seemed[a] unto him but a few days, for[b] the love he had to her. 21. And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. 22. And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. 23. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. 24. And Laban gave unto his

[a] HEBREW, "Were in his eyes as."

[b] "Because he loved her," would perhaps express more closely the Hebrew text.

24 וַיִּתֵּן לָבָן לָהּ אֶת־זִלְפָּה שִׁפְחָתוֹ לְלֵאָה בִתּוֹ שִׁפְחָה׃
25 וַיְהִי בַבֹּקֶר וְהִנֵּה־הִוא לֵאָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־לָבָן מַה־
זֹּאת עָשִׂיתָ לִּי הֲלֹא בְרָחֵל עָבַדְתִּי עִמָּךְ וְלָמָּה
26 רִמִּיתָנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָבָן לֹא־יֵעָשֶׂה כֵן בִּמְקוֹמֵנוּ לָתֵת
27 הַצְּעִירָה לִפְנֵי הַבְּכִירָה׃ מַלֵּא שְׁבֻעַ זֹאת וְנִתְּנָה
לְךָ גַּם־אֶת־זֹאת בַּעֲבֹדָה אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲבֹד עִמָּדִי
28 עוֹד שֶׁבַע־שָׁנִים אֲחֵרוֹת׃ וַיַּעַשׂ יַעֲקֹב כֵּן וַיְמַלֵּא
29 שְׁבֻעַ זֹאת וַיִּתֶּן־לוֹ אֶת־רָחֵל בִּתּוֹ לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה׃ וַיִּתֵּן
לָבָן לְרָחֵל בִּתּוֹ אֶת־בִּלְהָה שִׁפְחָתוֹ לָהּ לְשִׁפְחָה׃
30 וַיָּבֹא גַּם אֶל־רָחֵל וַיֶּאֱהַב גַּם־אֶת־רָחֵל מִלֵּאָה
31 וַיַּעֲבֹד עִמּוֹ עוֹד שֶׁבַע־שָׁנִים אֲחֵרוֹת׃ וַיַּרְא יְהוָה
כִּי־שְׂנוּאָה לֵאָה וַיִּפְתַּח אֶת־רַחְמָהּ וְרָחֵל עֲקָרָה׃
32 וַתַּהַר לֵאָה וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ רְאוּבֵן כִּי
אָמְרָה כִּי־רָאָה יְהוָה בְּעָנְיִי כִּי עַתָּה יֶאֱהָבַנִי אִישִׁי׃
33 וַתַּהַר עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן וַתֹּאמֶר כִּי־שָׁמַע יְהוָה כִּי־
שְׂנוּאָה אָנֹכִי וַיִּתֶּן־לִי גַּם־אֶת־זֶה וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ
34 שִׁמְעוֹן׃ וַתַּהַר עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן וַתֹּאמֶר עַתָּה הַפַּעַם
יִלָּוֶה אִישִׁי אֵלַי כִּי־יָלַדְתִּי לוֹ שְׁלֹשָׁה בָנִים עַל־
35 כֵּן קָרָא־שְׁמוֹ לֵוִי׃ וַתַּהַר עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן וַתֹּאמֶר
ל הַפַּעַם אוֹדֶה אֶת־יְהוָה עַל־כֵּן קָרְאָה שְׁמוֹ יְהוּדָה
1 וַתַּעֲמֹד מִלֶּדֶת׃ וַתֵּרֶא רָחֵל כִּי לֹא יָלְדָה לְיַעֲקֹב

daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. 25. And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did I not serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou deceived me? 26. And Laban said, It is not done so in our place, to give in marriage the younger before the firstborn. 27. Fulfil her week,[a] and we will give thee this one also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel his daughter for a wife. 29. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. 30. And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. 31. And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. 32. And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben:[b] for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction, because now my husband will love me. 33. And she conceived again and bore a son; and said, Because the LORD heard that I was hated, he hath given me this one also; and she called his name Simeon. 34. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons; therefore was his name called Levi. 35. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she said, This time will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and she left off bearing.

CHAP. XXX.

1. And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and she said unto

[a] The seven days of festivity, which appear to have been customarily observed at that time, as afterwards, in later periods, at the occurrence of a marriage.

[b] From Raah, "to see," and ben, "a son."

וַתְּקַנֵּא רָחֵל בַּאֲחֹתָהּ וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־יַעֲקֹב הָבָה־
2 לִּי בָנִים וְאִם־אַיִן מֵתָה אָנֹכִי׃ וַיִּחַר־אַף יַעֲקֹב
בְּרָחֵל וַיֹּאמֶר הֲתַחַת אֱלֹהִים אָנֹכִי אֲשֶׁר־מָנַע
3 מִמֵּךְ פְּרִי־בָטֶן׃ וַתֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה אֲמָתִי בִלְהָה בֹּא
אֵלֶיהָ וְתֵלֵד עַל־בִּרְכַּי וְאִבָּנֶה גַם־אָנֹכִי מִמֶּנָּה׃
4 וַתִּתֶּן־לוֹ אֶת־בִּלְהָה שִׁפְחָתָהּ לְאִשָּׁה וַיָּבֹא אֵלֶיהָ
5 6 יַעֲקֹב׃ וַתַּהַר בִּלְהָה וַתֵּלֶד לְיַעֲקֹב בֵּן׃ וַתֹּאמֶר
רָחֵל דָּנַנִּי אֱלֹהִים וְגַם שָׁמַע בְּקֹלִי וַיִּתֶּן־לִי בֵּן
7 עַל־כֵּן קָרְאָה שְׁמוֹ דָּן׃ וַתַּהַר עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בִּלְהָה
8 שִׁפְחַת רָחֵל בֵּן שֵׁנִי לְיַעֲקֹב׃ וַתֹּאמֶר רָחֵל נַפְתּוּלֵי
אֱלֹהִים ׀ נִפְתַּלְתִּי עִם־אֲחֹתִי גַּם־יָכֹלְתִּי וַתִּקְרָא
9 שְׁמוֹ נַפְתָּלִי׃ וַתֵּרֶא לֵאָה כִּי עָמְדָה מִלֶּדֶת וַתִּקַּח
אֶת־זִלְפָּה שִׁפְחָתָהּ וַתִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ לְיַעֲקֹב לְאִשָּׁה׃
10 11 וַתֵּלֶד זִלְפָּה שִׁפְחַת לֵאָה לְיַעֲקֹב בֵּן׃ וַתֹּאמֶר
12 לֵאָה בָּגָד וַתִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ גָּד׃ וַתֵּלֶד זִלְפָּה שִׁפְחַת
13 לֵאָה בֵּן שֵׁנִי לְיַעֲקֹב׃ וַתֹּאמֶר לֵאָה בְּאָשְׁרִי כִּי
14 אִשְּׁרוּנִי בָּנוֹת וַתִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ אָשֵׁר׃ * וַיֵּלֶךְ רְאוּבֵן
בִּימֵי קְצִיר־חִטִּים וַיִּמְצָא דוּדָאִים בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיָּבֵא
אֹתָם אֶל־לֵאָה אִמּוֹ וַתֹּאמֶר רָחֵל אֶל־לֵאָה
15 תְּנִי־נָא לִי מִדּוּדָאֵי בְּנֵךְ׃ וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ הַמְעַט
קַחְתֵּךְ אֶת־אִישִׁי וְלָקַחַת גַּם אֶת־דּוּדָאֵי בְּנִי

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Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. 2. And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? 3. And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees,[a] that I may also have[b] children by her. 4. And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid for wife, and Jacob went in unto her. 5. And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son. 6. And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.[c] 7. And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. 8. And Rachel said, Contests of God[d] have I contended with my sister, I have also prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.[e] 9. When Leah now saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her to Jacob for wife. 10. And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a son. 11. And Leah said, Good luck hath come: and she called his name Gad.[f] 12. And Zilpah Leah's maid bore a second son unto Jacob. 13. And Leah said, To my happiness; for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.[g]* 14. And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto Leah his mother; then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. 15. And she said unto her, Is it not enough that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou also take away my son's mandrakes? And

[a] "Those which I shall rear."—ONKELOS.

[b] "Be built up through her."—HEB. [c] From Don, "to judge."

[d] It is very customary in Hebrew constructions to add the word God in the genitive, to the idea expressed, to denote its greatness. So, "Mountains of God."—Ps. xxxvi. 7, &c.

[e] From Pathol, "to wrestle," "to twist."

[f] "Luck."

[g] "Happy."

וַתֹּ֣אמֶר רָחֵ֗ל לָכֵן֙ יִשְׁכַּ֤ב עִמָּךְ֙ הַלַּ֔יְלָה תַּ֖חַת
16 דּוּדָאֵ֥י בְנֵֽךְ׃ וַיָּבֹ֨א יַעֲקֹ֣ב מִן־הַשָּׂדֶה֮ בָּעֶ֒רֶב֒ וַתֵּצֵ֨א
לֵאָ֜ה לִקְרָאת֗וֹ וַתֹּ֙אמֶר֙ אֵלַ֣י תָּב֔וֹא כִּ֚י שָׂכֹ֣ר
שְׂכַרְתִּ֔יךָ בְּדוּדָאֵ֖י בְּנִ֑י וַיִּשְׁכַּ֥ב עִמָּ֖הּ בַּלַּ֥יְלָה הֽוּא׃
17 וַיִּשְׁמַ֥ע אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶל־לֵאָ֑ה וַתַּ֛הַר וַתֵּ֥לֶד לְיַעֲקֹ֖ב
18 בֵּ֥ן חֲמִישִֽׁי׃ וַתֹּ֣אמֶר לֵאָ֗ה נָתַ֤ן אֱלֹהִים֙ שְׂכָרִ֔י אֲשֶׁר־
נָתַ֥תִּי שִׁפְחָתִ֖י לְאִישִׁ֑י וַתִּקְרָ֥א שְׁמ֖וֹ יִשָּׂשכָֽר׃
19 20 וַתַּ֤הַר עוֹד֙ לֵאָ֔ה וַתֵּ֥לֶד בֵּן־שִׁשִּׁ֖י לְיַעֲקֹֽב׃ וַתֹּ֣אמֶר
לֵאָ֗ה זְבָדַ֨נִי אֱלֹהִ֥ים ׀ אֹתִי֮ זֵ֣בֶד טוֹב֒ הַפַּ֙עַם֙ יִזְבְּלֵ֣נִי
אִישִׁ֔י כִּֽי־יָלַ֥דְתִּי ל֖וֹ שִׁשָּׁ֣ה בָנִ֑ים וַתִּקְרָ֥א אֶת־שְׁמ֖וֹ
21 זְבֻלֽוּן׃ וְאַחַ֖ר יָ֣לְדָה בַּ֑ת וַתִּקְרָ֥א אֶת־שְׁמָ֖הּ דִּינָֽה׃
22 וַיִּזְכֹּ֥ר אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶת־רָחֵ֑ל וַיִּשְׁמַ֤ע אֵלֶ֙יהָ֙ אֱלֹהִ֔ים
23 וַיִּפְתַּ֖ח אֶת־רַחְמָֽהּ׃ וַתַּ֖הַר וַתֵּ֣לֶד בֵּ֑ן וַתֹּ֕אמֶר אָסַ֥ף
24 אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶת־חֶרְפָּתִֽי׃ וַתִּקְרָ֧א אֶת־שְׁמ֛וֹ יוֹסֵ֖ף לֵאמֹ֑ר
25 יֹסֵ֧ף יְהוָֹ֛ה לִ֖י בֵּ֥ן אַחֵֽר׃ וַיְהִ֕י כַּאֲשֶׁ֛ר יָלְדָ֥ה רָחֵ֖ל
אֶת־יוֹסֵ֑ף וַיֹּ֤אמֶר יַעֲקֹב֙ אֶל־לָבָ֔ן שַׁלְּחֵ֙נִי֙ וְאֵ֣לְכָ֔ה
26 אֶל־מְקוֹמִ֖י וּלְאַרְצִֽי׃ תְּנָ֞ה אֶת־נָשַׁ֣י וְאֶת־יְלָדַ֗י אֲשֶׁ֨ר
עָבַ֧דְתִּי אֹתְךָ֛ בָּהֵ֖ן וְאֵלֵ֑כָה כִּ֚י אַתָּ֣ה יָדַ֔עְתָּ אֶת־
27 עֲבֹדָתִ֖י אֲשֶׁ֥ר עֲבַדְתִּֽיךָ׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֵלָיו֙ לָבָ֔ן אִם־נָ֛א
מָצָ֥אתִי חֵ֖ן בְּעֵינֶ֑יךָ נִחַ֕שְׁתִּי וַיְבָרְכֵ֥נִי יְהוָֹ֖ה בִּגְלָלֶֽךָ׃ *
28 29 וַיֹּאמַ֑ר נָקְבָ֧ה שְׂכָרְךָ֛ עָלַ֖י וְאֶתֵּֽנָה׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֵלָ֔יו

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Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to-night for thy son's mandrakes. 16. And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have obtained thee as a reward[a] with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. 17. And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob the fifth son. 18. And Leah said, God hath given me my reward, because I have given my maid to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.[b] 19. And Leah conceived again, and bore the sixth son unto Jacob. 20. And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons; and she called his name Zebulun.[c] 21. And afterwards she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah. 22. And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23. And she conceived, and bore a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24. And she called his name Joseph, saying, The Lord shall add to me another son. 25. And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto my own place, and to my country. 26. Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go; for thou knowest my service which I have done thee. 27. And Laban said unto him, If I could but find favour in thy eyes;[d] I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.* 28. And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give them. 29. And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have

[a] This elegant turn is according to Arnheim's version.

[b] Yissachar, from Sechar, "reward."

[c] From Zebul, a "dwelling."

[d] Onkelos; the word "tarry," added in the English version, has no warrant for it in the Hebrew, though Dubno deducts it as a consequence from the antecedent, considering the verse as elliptical.

אַתָּה יָדַעְתָּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר עֲבַדְתִּיךָ וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה
30 מִקְנְךָ אִתִּי׃ כִּי מְעַט אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה לְךָ לְפָנַי וַיִּפְרֹץ
לָרֹב וַיְבָרֶךְ יְהוָה אֹתְךָ לְרַגְלִי וְעַתָּה מָתַי אֶעֱשֶׂה
31 גַם־אָנֹכִי לְבֵיתִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר מָה אֶתֶּן־לָךְ וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב
לֹא־תִתֶּן־לִי מְאוּמָה אִם־תַּעֲשֶׂה־לִּי הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה
32 אָשׁוּבָה אֶרְעֶה צֹאנְךָ אֶשְׁמֹר׃ אֶעֱבֹר בְּכָל־צֹאנְךָ
הַיּוֹם הָסֵר מִשָּׁם כָּל־שֶׂה ׀ נָקֹד וְטָלוּא וְכָל־שֶׂה־
חוּם בַּכְּשָׂבִים וְטָלוּא וְנָקֹד בָּעִזִּים וְהָיָה שְׂכָרִי׃
33 וְעָנְתָה־בִּי צִדְקָתִי בְּיוֹם מָחָר כִּי־תָבוֹא עַל־שְׂכָרִי
לְפָנֶיךָ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר־אֵינֶנּוּ נָקֹד וְטָלוּא בָּעִזִּים וְחוּם
34 בַּכְּשָׂבִים גָּנוּב הוּא אִתִּי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָבָן הֵן לוּ יְהִי
35 כִדְבָרֶךָ׃ וַיָּסַר בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶת־הַתְּיָשִׁים הָעֲקֻדִּים
וְהַטְּלֻאִים וְאֵת כָּל־הָעִזִּים הַנְּקֻדּוֹת וְהַטְּלֻאֹת
כֹּל אֲשֶׁר־לָבָן בּוֹ וְכָל־חוּם בַּכְּשָׂבִים וַיִּתֵּן בְּיַד־
36 בָּנָיו׃ וַיָּשֶׂם דֶּרֶךְ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים בֵּינוֹ וּבֵין יַעֲקֹב
37 וְיַעֲקֹב רֹעֶה אֶת־צֹאן לָבָן הַנּוֹתָרֹת׃ וַיִּקַּח־לוֹ
יַעֲקֹב מַקַּל לִבְנֶה לַח וְלוּז וְעַרְמוֹן וַיְפַצֵּל בָּהֵן
פְּצָלוֹת לְבָנוֹת מַחְשֹׂף הַלָּבָן אֲשֶׁר עַל־הַמַּקְלוֹת׃
38 וַיַּצֵּג אֶת־הַמַּקְלוֹת אֲשֶׁר פִּצֵּל בָּרְהָטִים בְּשִׁקֲתוֹת
הַמָּיִם אֲשֶׁר תָּבֹאןָ הַצֹּאן לִשְׁתּוֹת לְנֹכַח הַצֹּאן
39 וַיֵּחַמְנָה בְּבֹאָן לִשְׁתּוֹת׃ וַיֶּחֱמוּ הַצֹּאן אֶל־הַמַּקְלוֹת

served thee, and what thy cattle has become with me. 30. For it was a little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming; and now when shall I provide for my own house also? 31. And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me the least; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock: 32. I will pass through all thy flock to-day, removing from there every speckled and spotted lamb, and every brown lamb among the sheep, and whatever is spotted and speckled among the goats; and such shall be after this my reward. 33. And my righteousness[a] shall testify for me in time to come, when it shall come with my reward before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. 34. And Laban said, Well, let it be according to thy word. 35. And he removed on that day the he goats that were ring-streaked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had some white on it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons. 36. And he put a space of three days' journey between himself and Jacob; and Jacob fed the flocks of Laban that were left. 37. And Jacob took himself rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and peeled thereon white streaks, laying bare the white which was on the rods. 38. And he set the rods which he had peeled in the gutters in the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink, at the time they conceived, when they came to drink. 39. And the flocks conceived

[a] "Honesty;" MENDELSSOHN, in which sense this word should be taken when applied to dealings with man.

40 וַתֵּלַדְןָ הַצֹּאן עֲקֻדִּים נְקֻדִּים וּטְלֻאִים׃ וְהַכְּשָׂבִים
הִפְרִיד יַעֲקֹב וַיִּתֵּן פְּנֵי הַצֹּאן אֶל־עָקֹד וְכָל־חוּם
בְּצֹאן לָבָן וַיָּשֶׁת לוֹ עֲדָרִים לְבַדּוֹ וְלֹא שָׁתָם
41 עַל־צֹאן לָבָן׃ וְהָיָה בְּכָל־יַחֵם הַצֹּאן הַמְקֻשָּׁרוֹת
וְשָׂם יַעֲקֹב אֶת־הַמַּקְלוֹת לְעֵינֵי הַצֹּאן בָּרְהָטִים
42 לְיַחְמֵנָּה בַּמַּקְלוֹת׃ וּבְהַעֲטִיף הַצֹּאן לֹא יָשִׂים
43 וְהָיָה הָעֲטֻפִים לְלָבָן וְהַקְּשֻׁרִים לְיַעֲקֹב׃ וַיִּפְרֹץ
הָאִישׁ מְאֹד מְאֹד וַיְהִי־לוֹ צֹאן רַבּוֹת וּשְׁפָחוֹת לא
1 וַעֲבָדִים וּגְמַלִּים וַחֲמֹרִים׃ וַיִּשְׁמַע אֶת־דִּבְרֵי
בְנֵי־לָבָן לֵאמֹר לָקַח יַעֲקֹב אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר לְאָבִינוּ
2 וּמֵאֲשֶׁר לְאָבִינוּ עָשָׂה אֵת כָּל־הַכָּבֹד הַזֶּה׃ וַיַּרְא
יַעֲקֹב אֶת־פְּנֵי לָבָן וְהִנֵּה אֵינֶנּוּ עִמּוֹ כִּתְמוֹל
שִׁלְשׁוֹם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־יַעֲקֹב שׁוּב אֶל־אֶרֶץ
4 אֲבוֹתֶיךָ וּלְמוֹלַדְתֶּךָ וְאֶהְיֶה עִמָּךְ׃ וַיִּשְׁלַח
יַעֲקֹב וַיִּקְרָא לְרָחֵל וּלְלֵאָה הַשָּׂדֶה אֶל־צֹאנוֹ׃
5 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶן רֹאֶה אָנֹכִי אֶת־פְּנֵי אֲבִיכֶן כִּי־אֵינֶנּוּ
6 אֵלַי כִּתְמֹל שִׁלְשֹׁם וֵאלֹהֵי אָבִי הָיָה עִמָּדִי׃ וְאַתֵּנָה
7 יְדַעְתֶּן כִּי בְּכָל־כֹּחִי עָבַדְתִּי אֶת־אֲבִיכֶן׃ וַאֲבִיכֶן
הֵתֶל בִּי וְהֶחֱלִף אֶת־מַשְׂכֻּרְתִּי עֲשֶׂרֶת מֹנִים
8 וְלֹא־נְתָנוֹ אֱלֹהִים לְהָרַע עִמָּדִי׃ אִם־כֹּה יֹאמַר
נְקֻדִּים יִהְיֶה שְׂכָרֶךָ וְיָלְדוּ כָל־הַצֹּאן נְקֻדִּים וְאִם־

before the rods, and brought forth ringstreaked, speckled, and spotted. 40. And Jacob did separate these lambs, and set the faces[a] of the flocks toward the ringstreaked, and whatever was brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not with Laban's cattle. 41. And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. 42. But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in; so the feebler belonged to Laban, and the stronger to Jacob. 43. And the man increased exceedingly, and had many flocks, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses.

CHAP. XXXI.

1. And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's, and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this wealth. 2. And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. 3. And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy birthplace; and I will be with thee. 4. And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock. 5. And he said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. 6. And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. 7. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to do me evil. 8. If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bore

[a] "He made advance-droves out of whatever was speckled and brown in Laban's flocks;" Arnheim, taking פני הצאן as the name of the flocks which went before the other, but the sense is at last the same as that given in the text, since there the plainly coloured are represented as following those having the marks agreed upon.

כֹּה יֹאמַר עֲקֻדִּים יִהְיֶה שְׂכָרֶךָ וְיָלְדוּ כָל־הַצֹּאן
9 עֲקֻדִּים׃ וַיַּצֵּל אֱלֹהִים אֶת־מִקְנֵה אֲבִיכֶם וַיִּתֶּן־לִי׃
10 וַיְהִי בְּעֵת יַחֵם הַצֹּאן וָאֶשָּׂא עֵינַי וָאֵרֶא בַּחֲלוֹם
וְהִנֵּה הָעַתֻּדִים הָעֹלִים עַל־הַצֹּאן עֲקֻדִּים
11 נְקֻדִּים וּבְרֻדִּים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי מַלְאַךְ הָאֱלֹהִים
12 בַּחֲלוֹם יַעֲקֹב וָאֹמַר הִנֵּנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר שָׂא־נָא עֵינֶיךָ
וּרְאֵה כָּל־הָעַתֻּדִים הָעֹלִים עַל־הַצֹּאן עֲקֻדִּים
נְקֻדִּים וּבְרֻדִּים כִּי רָאִיתִי אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר לָבָן
13 עֹשֶׂה לָּךְ׃ אָנֹכִי הָאֵל בֵּית־אֵל אֲשֶׁר מָשַׁחְתָּ שָּׁם
מַצֵּבָה אֲשֶׁר נָדַרְתָּ לִּי שָׁם נֶדֶר עַתָּה קוּם צֵא
14 מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וְשׁוּב אֶל־אֶרֶץ מוֹלַדְתֶּךָ׃ וַתַּעַן
רָחֵל וְלֵאָה וַתֹּאמַרְנָה לוֹ הַעוֹד לָנוּ חֵלֶק וְנַחֲלָה
15 בְּבֵית אָבִינוּ׃ הֲלוֹא נָכְרִיּוֹת נֶחְשַׁבְנוּ לוֹ כִּי מְכָרָנוּ
16 וַיֹּאכַל גַּם־אָכוֹל אֶת־כַּסְפֵּנוּ׃ כִּי כָל־הָעֹשֶׁר
אֲשֶׁר הִצִּיל אֱלֹהִים מֵאָבִינוּ לָנוּ הוּא וּלְבָנֵינוּ
17 וְעַתָּה כֹל° אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֱלֹהִים אֵלֶיךָ עֲשֵׂה׃ * וַיָּקָם
יַעֲקֹב וַיִּשָּׂא אֶת־בָּנָיו וְאֶת־נָשָׁיו עַל־הַגְּמַלִּים׃
18 וַיִּנְהַג אֶת־כָּל־מִקְנֵהוּ וְאֶת־כָּל־רְכֻשׁוֹ אֲשֶׁר רָכָשׁ
מִקְנֵה קִנְיָנוֹ אֲשֶׁר רָכַשׁ בְּפַדַּן אֲרָם לָבוֹא אֶל־
19 יִצְחָק אָבִיו אַרְצָה כְּנָעַן׃ וְלָבָן הָלַךְ לִגְזֹז אֶת־
צֹאנוֹ וַתִּגְנֹב רָחֵל אֶת־הַתְּרָפִים אֲשֶׁר לְאָבִיהָ׃

* ששי

speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstreaked shall be thy reward; then bore all the cattle ringstreaked. 9. Thus God took away the cattle of your father, and gave them to me. 10. And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstreaked, speckled, and grisled. 11. And the angel of God spoke unto me in the dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. 12. And he said, Lift up now thy eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstreaked, speckled, and grisled; for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. 13. I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou madest unto me a vow: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy birth. 14. And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? 15. Are we not counted of him as strangers? for he hath sold us; and hath quite consumed also our money.[a] 16. For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's; now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.* 17. Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; 18. And he led away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, to go to Isaac his father into the land of Canaan. 19. And Laban had gone to shear his sheep; and Rachel stole the images

[a] Through the frauds practised upon Jacob —Rachel and Leah express in this verse their just indignation against the cruelty of their father in having sold them, as though they were servants to their husband, much as they loved him; and now they had additional cause for complaint in his efforts to give their husband as small wages as possible.

20 וַיִּגְנֹ֣ב יַעֲקֹ֔ב אֶת־לֵ֥ב לָבָ֖ן הָאֲרַמִּ֑י עַל־בְּלִי֙ הִגִּ֣יד ל֔וֹ
21 כִּ֥י בֹרֵ֖חַ הֽוּא׃ וַיִּבְרַ֥ח הוּא֙ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־ל֔וֹ וַיָּ֖קָם
22 וַיַּעֲבֹ֣ר אֶת־הַנָּהָ֑ר וַיָּ֥שֶׂם אֶת־פָּנָ֖יו הַ֥ר הַגִּלְעָֽד׃ וַיֻּגַּ֥ד
23 לְלָבָ֖ן בַּיּ֣וֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁ֑י כִּ֥י בָרַ֖ח יַעֲקֹֽב׃ וַיִּקַּ֤ח אֶת־
אֶחָיו֙ עִמּ֔וֹ וַיִּרְדֹּ֣ף אַחֲרָ֔יו דֶּ֖רֶךְ שִׁבְעַ֣ת יָמִ֑ים
24 וַיַּדְבֵּ֥ק אֹת֖וֹ בְּהַ֥ר הַגִּלְעָֽד׃ וַיָּבֹ֧א אֱלֹהִ֛ים אֶל־לָבָ֥ן
הָאֲרַמִּ֖י בַּחֲלֹ֣ם הַלָּ֑יְלָה וַיֹּ֣אמֶר ל֗וֹ הִשָּׁ֧מֶר לְךָ֛
25 פֶּן־תְּדַבֵּ֥ר עִם־יַעֲקֹ֖ב מִטּ֥וֹב עַד־רָֽע׃ וַיַּשֵּׂ֥ג לָבָ֖ן אֶת־
יַעֲקֹ֑ב וְיַעֲקֹ֗ב תָּקַ֤ע אֶת־אָהֳלוֹ֙ בָּהָ֔ר וְלָבָ֛ן תָּקַ֥ע
26 אֶת־אֶחָ֖יו בְּהַ֥ר הַגִּלְעָֽד׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר לָבָן֙ לְיַעֲקֹ֔ב מֶ֣ה
עָשִׂ֔יתָ וַתִּגְנֹ֖ב אֶת־לְבָבִ֑י וַתְּנַהֵג֙ אֶת־בְּנֹתַ֔י כִּשְׁבֻי֖וֹת
27 חָֽרֶב׃ לָ֤מָּה נַחְבֵּ֙אתָ֙ לִבְרֹ֔חַ וַתִּגְנֹ֖ב אֹתִ֑י וְלֹא־הִגַּ֣דְתָּ
לִּ֗י וָֽאֲשַֽׁלֵּחֲךָ֛ בְּשִׂמְחָ֥ה וּבְשִׁרִ֖ים בְּתֹ֥ף וּבְכִנּֽוֹר׃
28 וְלֹ֣א נְטַשְׁתַּ֔נִי לְנַשֵּׁ֥ק לְבָנַ֖י וְלִבְנֹתָ֑י עַתָּ֖ה הִסְכַּ֥לְתָּ
29 עֲשֽׂוֹ׃ יֶשׁ־לְאֵ֣ל יָדִ֔י לַעֲשׂ֥וֹת עִמָּכֶ֖ם רָ֑ע וֵאלֹהֵ֨י
אֲבִיכֶ֜ם אֶ֣מֶשׁ ׀ אָמַ֧ר אֵלַ֣י לֵאמֹ֗ר הִשָּׁ֧מֶר לְךָ֛ מִדַּבֵּ֥ר
30 עִם־יַעֲקֹ֖ב מִטּ֥וֹב עַד־רָ֑ע׃ וְעַתָּה֙ הָלֹ֣ךְ הָלַ֔כְתָּ כִּֽי־
נִכְסֹ֥ף נִכְסַ֖פְתָּה לְבֵ֣ית אָבִ֑יךָ לָ֥מָּה גָנַ֖בְתָּ אֶת־
31 אֱלֹהָֽי׃ וַיַּ֥עַן יַעֲקֹ֖ב וַיֹּ֣אמֶר לְלָבָ֑ן כִּ֣י יָרֵ֔אתִי כִּ֣י אָמַ֔רְתִּי
32 פֶּן־תִּגְזֹ֥ל אֶת־בְּנוֹתֶ֖יךָ מֵעִמִּֽי׃ עִ֠ם אֲשֶׁ֨ר תִּמְצָ֜א
אֶת־אֱלֹהֶ֘יךָ֮ לֹ֣א יִחְיֶה֒ נֶ֣גֶד אַחֵ֧ינוּ הַכֶּר־לְךָ֛ מָ֥ה

that were her fathers. 20. And Jacob stole[a] away unawares to Laban the Syrian, by not letting him know that he was going to flee. 21. And he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead. 22. And it was told to Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. 23. And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him a seven days' journey; and overtook him at the mount of Gilead. 24. And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream in the night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.[b] 25. Then Laban overtook Jacob; now Jacob had pitched his tent on the mount, and Laban with his brethren pitched on the mount of Gilead. 26. And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and led away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? 27. Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and why didst thou not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? 28. And why hast thou not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? now thou hast acted foolishly in so doing. 29. It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt; but the God of your father spoke unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 30. And now, thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou greatly longedst after thy father's house; yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? 31. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid, for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. 32. With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live; before our brethren seek out

[a] HEBREW: "Stole the heart of Laban."
[b] Use no threats or persuasion to induce him to return to Syria.

עִמָּדִ֖י וְקַֽח־לָ֑ךְ וְלֹֽא־יָדַ֣ע יַעֲקֹ֔ב כִּ֥י רָחֵ֖ל גְּנָבָֽתַם׃
33 וַיָּבֹ֨א לָבָ֜ן בְּאֹ֥הֶל־יַעֲקֹ֣ב ׀ וּבְאֹ֣הֶל לֵאָ֗ה וּבְאֹ֛הֶל
שְׁתֵּ֥י הָֽאֲמָהֹ֖ת וְלֹ֣א מָצָ֑א וַיֵּצֵא֙ מֵאֹ֣הֶל לֵאָ֔ה וַיָּבֹ֖א
34 בְּאֹ֥הֶל רָחֵֽל׃ וְרָחֵ֞ל לָקְחָ֣ה אֶת־הַתְּרָפִ֗ים וַתְּשִׂמֵ֛ם
בְּכַ֥ר הַגָּמָ֖ל וַתֵּ֣שֶׁב עֲלֵיהֶ֑ם וַיְמַשֵּׁ֥שׁ לָבָ֛ן אֶת־כָּל־
35 הָאֹ֖הֶל וְלֹ֥א מָצָֽא׃ וַתֹּ֣אמֶר אֶל־אָבִ֗יהָ אַל־יִ֙חַר֙
בְּעֵינֵ֣י אֲדֹנִ֔י כִּ֣י ל֤וֹא אוּכַל֙ לָק֣וּם מִפָּנֶ֔יךָ כִּי־דֶ֥רֶךְ
36 נָשִׁ֖ים לִ֑י וַיְחַפֵּ֕שׂ וְלֹ֥א מָצָ֖א אֶת־הַתְּרָפִֽים׃ וַיִּ֥חַר
לְיַעֲקֹ֖ב וַיָּ֣רֶב בְּלָבָ֑ן וַיַּ֤עַן יַעֲקֹב֙ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר לְלָבָ֔ן מַה־
37 פִּשְׁעִי֙ מַ֣ה חַטָּאתִ֔י כִּ֥י דָלַ֖קְתָּ אַחֲרָֽי׃ כִּֽי־מִשַּׁ֣שְׁתָּ
אֶת־כָּל־כֵּלַ֗י מַה־מָּצָ֙אתָ֙ מִכֹּ֣ל כְּלֵֽי־בֵיתֶ֔ךָ שִׂ֣ים כֹּ֔ה
38 נֶ֥גֶד אַחַ֖י וְאַחֶ֑יךָ וְיוֹכִ֖יחוּ בֵּ֥ין שְׁנֵֽינוּ׃ זֶה֩ עֶשְׂרִ֨ים
שָׁנָ֤ה אָנֹכִי֙ עִמָּ֔ךְ רְחֵלֶ֥יךָ וְעִזֶּ֖יךָ לֹ֣א שִׁכֵּ֑לוּ וְאֵילֵ֥י
39 צֹאנְךָ֖ לֹ֥א אָכָֽלְתִּי׃ טְרֵפָה֙ לֹא־הֵבֵ֣אתִי אֵלֶ֔יךָ
אָנֹכִ֣י אֲחַטֶּ֔נָּה מִיָּדִ֖י תְּבַקְשֶׁ֑נָּה גְּנֻֽבְתִ֣י י֔וֹם וּגְנֻֽבְתִ֖י
40 לָֽיְלָה׃ הָיִ֧יתִי בַיּ֛וֹם אֲכָלַ֥נִי חֹ֖רֶב וְקֶ֣רַח בַּלָּ֑יְלָה
41 וַתִּדַּ֥ד שְׁנָתִ֖י מֵעֵינָֽי׃ זֶה־לִּ֞י עֶשְׂרִ֣ים שָׁנָה֮ בְּבֵיתֶ֒ךָ֒
עֲבַדְתִּ֜יךָ אַרְבַּֽע־עֶשְׂרֵ֤ה שָׁנָה֙ בִּשְׁתֵּ֣י בְנֹתֶ֔יךָ וְשֵׁ֥שׁ
שָׁנִ֖ים בְּצֹאנֶ֑ךָ וַתַּחֲלֵ֥ף אֶת־מַשְׂכֻּרְתִּ֖י עֲשֶׂ֥רֶת
42 מֹנִֽים׃ לוּלֵ֡י אֱלֹהֵ֣י אָבִי֩ אֱלֹהֵ֨י אַבְרָהָ֜ם וּפַ֣חַד
יִצְחָק֮ הָ֣יָה לִ֒י כִּ֥י עַתָּ֖ה רֵיקָ֣ם שִׁלַּחְתָּ֑נִי אֶת־עָנְיִ֞י

thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee; but Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. 33. And Laban went into the tent of Jacob, and into the tent of Leah, and into the tent of the two maid-servants; but he found them not. Then went he out of the tent of Leah, and entered into Rachel's tent. 34. Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the saddle-cushion of the camel, and sat upon them; and Laban searched all the tent, and found nothing. 35. And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me; and thus he searched, but found not the images. 36. Now Jacob became wroth, and quarrelled with Laban; and Jacob commenced and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? 37. Although thou hast searched all my goods, what hast thou found of all the property of thy household? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge between us both. 38. These twenty years have I been with thee: thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young;[a] and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. 39. That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I had to bear the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whatever was stolen by day, and stolen by night. 40. Where I was in the day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from my eyes. 41. These twenty years have I been in thy house; I have served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. 42. Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me now away empty; my affliction and the labour of my

[a] Carelessness in not attending to the flock could never be charged to me.

וְאֶת־יְגִיעַ כַּפַּי רָאָה אֱלֹהִים וַיּוֹכַח אָמֶשׁ׃ * וַיַּעַן
43 לָבָן וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־יַעֲקֹב הַבָּנוֹת בְּנֹתַי וְהַבָּנִים בָּנַי
וְהַצֹּאן צֹאנִי וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה רֹאֶה לִי־הוּא
וְלִבְנֹתַי מָה־אֶעֱשֶׂה לָאֵלֶּה הַיּוֹם אוֹ לִבְנֵיהֶן אֲשֶׁר
44 יָלָדוּ׃ וְעַתָּה לְכָה נִכְרְתָה בְרִית אֲנִי וָאָתָּה וְהָיָה
45 לְעֵד בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ׃ וַיִּקַּח יַעֲקֹב אָבֶן וַיְרִימֶהָ מַצֵּבָה׃
46 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב לְאֶחָיו לִקְטוּ אֲבָנִים וַיִּקְחוּ אֲבָנִים
47 וַיַּעֲשׂוּ־גָל וַיֹּאכְלוּ שָׁם עַל־הַגָּל׃ וַיִּקְרָא־לוֹ לָבָן
48 יְגַר שָׂהֲדוּתָא וְיַעֲקֹב קָרָא לוֹ גַּלְעֵד׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָבָן
הַגַּל הַזֶּה עֵד בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ הַיּוֹם עַל־כֵּן קָרָא־שְׁמוֹ
49 גַּלְעֵד׃ וְהַמִּצְפָּה אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יִצֶף יְהוָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ
50 כִּי נִסָּתֵר אִישׁ מֵרֵעֵהוּ׃ אִם־תְּעַנֶּה אֶת־בְּנֹתַי וְאִם־
תִּקַּח נָשִׁים עַל־בְּנֹתַי אֵין אִישׁ עִמָּנוּ רְאֵה אֱלֹהִים
51 עֵד בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָבָן לְיַעֲקֹב הִנֵּה ׀ הַגַּל
52 הַזֶּה וְהִנֵּה הַמַּצֵּבָה אֲשֶׁר יָרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ׃ עֵד
הַגַּל הַזֶּה וְעֵדָה הַמַּצֵּבָה אִם־אָנִי לֹא־אֶעֱבֹר אֵלֶיךָ
אֶת־הַגַּל הַזֶּה וְאִם־אַתָּה לֹא־תַעֲבֹר אֵלַי אֶת־הַגַּל
53 הַזֶּה וְאֶת־הַמַּצֵּבָה הַזֹּאת לְרָעָה׃ אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם
וֵאלֹהֵי נָחוֹר יִשְׁפְּטוּ בֵינֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבִיהֶם וַיִּשָּׁבַע
54 יַעֲקֹב בְּפַחַד אָבִיו יִצְחָק׃ וַיִּזְבַּח יַעֲקֹב זֶבַח בָּהָר
וַיִּקְרָא לְאֶחָיו לֶאֱכָל־לָחֶם וַיֹּאכְלוּ לֶחֶם וַיָּלִינוּ

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hands God hath seen, and decided[a] yesternight.* 43. And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine; but to my daughters, what can I do unto them this day, or unto their children which they have born? 44. And now, come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. 45. And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. 46. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they ate there upon the heap. 47. And Laban called it Yegar-sahadutha:[b] but Jacob called it Galed.[b] 48. And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day; therefore called he its name Galed; 49. And Mitzpah;[c] for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from the other; 50. If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, when there is no man with us; see, God is witness between me and thee. 51. And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast between me and thee; 52. Witness be this heap and witness be this pillar, that I will not pass by this heap, and that thou shalt not pass unto me by this heap and this pillar for evil. 53. The God of Abraham and the god of Nachor judge between us, the god of their father, but Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. 54. Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread; and they did eat bread, and tarried all night on the

[a] Meaning by the direction given to Laban not to urge Jacob's return, God had decided that Jacob had acted rightly, and that Laban had been the wrong-doer.

[b] "Heap of testimony." [c] From צפה Tzaphah, "to see, to watch."

1 לב בָּהָר׃ וַיַּשְׁכֵּם לָבָן בַּבֹּקֶר וַיְנַשֵּׁק לְבָנָיו וְלִבְנוֹתָיו
2 וַיְבָרֶךְ אֶתְהֶם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיָּשָׁב לָבָן לִמְקֹמוֹ׃ וְיַעֲקֹב הָלַךְ
3 לְדַרְכּוֹ וַיִּפְגְּעוּ־בוֹ מַלְאֲכֵי אֱלֹהִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב
כַּאֲשֶׁר רָאָם מַחֲנֵה אֱלֹהִים זֶה וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם־
הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא מַחֲנָיִם׃ פ
4 וַיִּשְׁלַח יַעֲקֹב מַלְאָכִים לְפָנָיו אֶל־עֵשָׂו אָחִיו
5 אַרְצָה שֵׂעִיר שְׂדֵה אֱדוֹם׃ וַיְצַו אֹתָם לֵאמֹר כֹּה
תֹאמְרוּן לַאדֹנִי לְעֵשָׂו כֹּה אָמַר עַבְדְּךָ יַעֲקֹב
6 עִם־לָבָן גַּרְתִּי וָאֵחַר עַד־עָתָּה׃ וַיְהִי־לִי שׁוֹר
וַחֲמוֹר צֹאן וְעֶבֶד וְשִׁפְחָה וָאֶשְׁלְחָה לְהַגִּיד
7 לַאדֹנִי לִמְצֹא־חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ׃ וַיָּשֻׁבוּ הַמַּלְאָכִים אֶל־
יַעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר בָּאנוּ אֶל־אָחִיךָ אֶל־עֵשָׂו וְגַם הֹלֵךְ
8 לִקְרָאתְךָ וְאַרְבַּע־מֵאוֹת אִישׁ עִמּוֹ׃ וַיִּירָא יַעֲקֹב
מְאֹד וַיֵּצֶר לוֹ וַיַּחַץ אֶת־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־אִתּוֹ וְאֶת־
9 הַצֹּאן וְאֶת־הַבָּקָר וְהַגְּמַלִּים לִשְׁנֵי מַחֲנוֹת׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
אִם־יָבוֹא עֵשָׂו אֶל־הַמַּחֲנֶה הָאַחַת וְהִכָּהוּ וְהָיָה
10 הַמַּחֲנֶה הַנִּשְׁאָר לִפְלֵיטָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֱלֹהֵי
אָבִי אַבְרָהָם וֵאלֹהֵי אָבִי יִצְחָק יְהֹוָה הָאֹמֵר
אֵלַי שׁוּב לְאַרְצְךָ וּלְמוֹלַדְתְּךָ וְאֵיטִיבָה עִמָּךְ׃
11 קָטֹנְתִּי מִכֹּל הַחֲסָדִים וּמִכָּל־הָאֱמֶת אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ
אֶת־עַבְדֶּךָ כִּי בְמַקְלִי עָבַרְתִּי אֶת־הַיַּרְדֵּן הַזֶּה

CHAP. XXXII. mount.* 1. And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them; and Laban departed, and returned unto his own place. 2. And Jacob went on his way, and there met him angels of God. 3. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is a host of God; and he called the name of that place Machanayim.[a]

VAYISHLACH. 4. And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country[b] of Edom. 5. And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau, Thus saith thy servant Jacob, With Laban have I sojourned, and stayed there until now: 6. And I have acquired oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants; and I send now to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy eyes. 7. And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother, to Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. 8. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two bands. 9. And he said, If Esau should come to the one company and smite it, then the other company which is left may escape. 10. And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy birth-place, and I will deal well with thee: 11. I am not worthy[c] of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shown unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become

[a] "Two camps," or "hosts."

[b] Hebrew, "Field," which Dubno explains, "to the land of Seir, that part where Edom (Esau) dwelt."

[c] "My merits have been diminished through all," &c.—Onkelos and Rashi.

12 וְעַתָּה הָיִיתִי לִשְׁנֵי מַחֲנוֹת׃ הַצִּילֵנִי נָא מִיַּד אָחִי
מִיַּד עֵשָׂו כִּי־יָרֵא אָנֹכִי אֹתוֹ פֶּן־יָבוֹא וְהִכַּנִי
13 אֵם עַל־בָּנִים׃ וְאַתָּה אָמַרְתָּ הֵיטֵב אֵיטִיב עִמָּךְ
וְשַׂמְתִּי אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ כְּחוֹל הַיָּם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִסָּפֵר
14 מֵרֹב׃ * וַיָּלֶן שָׁם בַּלַּיְלָה הַהוּא וַיִּקַּח מִן־הַבָּא
15 בְיָדוֹ מִנְחָה לְעֵשָׂו אָחִיו׃ עִזִּים מָאתַיִם וּתְיָשִׁים
16 עֶשְׂרִים רְחֵלִים מָאתַיִם וְאֵילִים עֶשְׂרִים׃ גְּמַלִּים
מֵינִיקוֹת וּבְנֵיהֶם שְׁלֹשִׁים פָּרוֹת אַרְבָּעִים
וּפָרִים עֲשָׂרָה אֲתֹנֹת עֶשְׂרִים וַעְיָרִם עֲשָׂרָה׃
17 וַיִּתֵּן בְּיַד־עֲבָדָיו עֵדֶר עֵדֶר לְבַדּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־
עֲבָדָיו עִבְרוּ לְפָנַי וְרֶוַח תָּשִׂימוּ בֵּין עֵדֶר וּבֵין
18 עֵדֶר׃ וַיְצַו אֶת־הָרִאשׁוֹן לֵאמֹר כִּי יִפְגָשְׁךָ עֵשָׂו
אָחִי וּשְׁאֵלְךָ לֵאמֹר לְמִי־אַתָּה וְאָנָה תֵלֵךְ וּלְמִי
19 אֵלֶּה לְפָנֶיךָ׃ וְאָמַרְתָּ לְעַבְדְּךָ לְיַעֲקֹב מִנְחָה
הִוא שְׁלוּחָה לַאדֹנִי לְעֵשָׂו וְהִנֵּה גַם־הוּא אַחֲרֵינוּ׃
20 וַיְצַו גַּם אֶת־הַשֵּׁנִי גַּם אֶת־הַשְּׁלִישִׁי גַּם אֶת־
כָּל־הַהֹלְכִים אַחֲרֵי הָעֲדָרִים לֵאמֹר כַּדָּבָר הַזֶּה
21 תְּדַבְּרוּן אֶל־עֵשָׂו בְּמֹצַאֲכֶם אֹתוֹ׃ וַאֲמַרְתֶּם גַּם
הִנֵּה עַבְדְּךָ יַעֲקֹב אַחֲרֵינוּ כִּי־אָמַר אֲכַפְּרָה פָנָיו
בַּמִּנְחָה הַהֹלֶכֶת לְפָנָי וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן אֶרְאֶה פָנָיו אוּלַי
22 יִשָּׂא פָנָי׃ וַתַּעֲבֹר הַמִּנְחָה עַל־פָּנָיו וְהוּא לָן בַּלַּיְלָה־

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two bands. 12. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, the mother with the children. 13. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.* 14. And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which he carried with him[a] a present for Esau his brother: 15. Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, 16. Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty cows, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals. 17. And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself; and he said unto his servants, Pass on before me, and put a space between drove and drove. 18. And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither art thou going? and for whom are these before thee? 19. Then shalt thou say, They belong to thy servant, to Jacob; it is a present sent unto my lord to Esau; and, behold, also he is behind us. 20. And so commanded he also the second, also the third, as also all that followed the droves, saying, After this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. 21. And say ye moreover, Behold also thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will receive me kindly. 22. The present went thus on before him; and himself lodged that night in the camp.

[a] HEBREW, "Which had come to his hand;" meaning "the cattle in which his wealth consisted, and from these he sent, for he was on the way, and had no opportunity to send silver and gold and precious things."—RAMBAN.

23 הַהוּא בַּמַּחֲנֶה׃ וַיָּקָם ׀ בַּלַּיְלָה הוּא וַיִּקַּח אֶת־שְׁתֵּי
נָשָׁיו וְאֶת־שְׁתֵּי שִׁפְחֹתָיו וְאֶת־אַחַד עָשָׂר יְלָדָיו
24 וַיַּעֲבֹר אֵת מַעֲבַר יַבֹּק׃ וַיִּקָּחֵם וַיַּעֲבִרֵם אֶת־הַנָּחַל
25 וַיַּעֲבֵר אֶת־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ׃ וַיִּוָּתֵר יַעֲקֹב לְבַדּוֹ וַיֵּאָבֵק
26 אִישׁ עִמּוֹ עַד עֲלוֹת הַשָּׁחַר׃ וַיַּרְא כִּי לֹא יָכֹל
לוֹ וַיִּגַּע בְּכַף־יְרֵכוֹ וַתֵּקַע כַּף־יֶרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב בְּהֵאָבְקוֹ
27 עִמּוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר שַׁלְּחֵנִי כִּי עָלָה הַשָּׁחַר וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא
28 אֲשַׁלֵּחֲךָ כִּי אִם־בֵּרַכְתָּנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו מַה־שְּׁמֶךָ
29 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יַעֲקֹב יֵאָמֵר עוֹד שִׁמְךָ
כִּי אִם־יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי־שָׂרִיתָ עִם־אֱלֹהִים וְעִם־אֲנָשִׁים
30 וַתּוּכָל׃ וַיִּשְׁאַל יַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר הַגִּידָה־נָּא שְׁמֶךָ
וַיֹּאמֶר לָמָּה זֶּה תִּשְׁאַל לִשְׁמִי וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתוֹ שָׁם׃ *
31 וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב שֵׁם הַמָּקוֹם פְּנִיאֵל כִּי־רָאִיתִי
32 אֱלֹהִים פָּנִים אֶל־פָּנִים וַתִּנָּצֵל נַפְשִׁי׃ וַיִּזְרַח־לוֹ
הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ כַּאֲשֶׁר עָבַר אֶת־פְּנוּאֵל וְהוּא צֹלֵעַ עַל־
33 יְרֵכוֹ׃ עַל־כֵּן לֹא־יֹאכְלוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־גִּיד הַנָּשֶׁה
אֲשֶׁר עַל־כַּף הַיָּרֵךְ עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה כִּי נָגַע בְּכַף־ לג
1 יֶרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב בְּגִיד הַנָּשֶׁה׃ וַיִּשָּׂא יַעֲקֹב עֵינָיו וַיַּרְא
וְהִנֵּה עֵשָׂו בָּא וְעִמּוֹ אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת אִישׁ וַיַּחַץ אֶת־
הַיְלָדִים עַל־לֵאָה וְעַל־רָחֵל וְעַל שְׁתֵּי הַשְּׁפָחוֹת׃
2 וַיָּשֶׂם אֶת־הַשְּׁפָחוֹת וְאֶת־יַלְדֵיהֶן רִאשֹׁנָה

* שלישי

23. And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford[a] of the Yabbok. 24. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. 25. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.[b] 26. And when he saw that he could not prevail against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was put out of joint, as he was wrestling with him. 27. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go until thou hast blest me. 28. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 29. And he said, Not Jacob shall any more be called thy name, but Israel;[c] for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. 30. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.* 31. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel:[d] for I have seen an angel face to face, and my life is preserved. 32. And the sun rose unto him as he passed by Penuel, and he halted upon his thigh. 33. Therefore the children of Israel eat not the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1. And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. 2. And he put the handmaids

[a] Or "Ferry."
[b] More correctly, "the rise of the morning dawn."
[c] "Prince of God."
[d] From "Panim," face, and El, "God."

וְאֶת־לֵאָ֥ה וִילָדֶ֖יהָ אַחֲרֹנִ֑ים וְאֶת־רָחֵ֥ל וְאֶת־
3 יוֹסֵ֖ף אַחֲרֹנִֽים׃ וְה֖וּא עָבַ֣ר לִפְנֵיהֶ֑ם וַיִּשְׁתַּ֤חוּ אַ֙רְצָה֙
4 שֶׁ֣בַע פְּעָמִ֔ים עַד־גִּשְׁתּ֖וֹ עַד־אָחִֽיו׃ וַיָּ֨רָץ עֵשָׂ֤ו
לִקְרָאתוֹ֙ וַיְחַבְּקֵ֔הוּ וַיִּפֹּ֥ל עַל־צַוָּארָ֖ו וַׄיִּׄשָּׁׄקֵ֑ׄהׄוּׄ
5 וַיִּבְכּֽוּ׃ וַיִּשָּׂ֣א אֶת־עֵינָ֗יו וַיַּ֤רְא אֶת־הַנָּשִׁים֙ וְאֶת־
הַיְלָדִ֔ים וַיֹּ֖אמֶר מִי־אֵ֣לֶּה לָּ֑ךְ וַיֹּאמַ֕ר הַיְלָדִ֕ים אֲשֶׁר־
6 חָנַ֥ן אֱלֹהִ֖ים אֶת־עַבְדֶּֽךָ׃ וַתִּגַּ֧שְׁןָ הַשְּׁפָח֛וֹת הֵ֥נָּה
7 וְיַלְדֵיהֶ֖ן וַתִּֽשְׁתַּחֲוֶֽיןָ׃ וַתִּגַּ֧שׁ גַּם־לֵאָ֛ה וִילָדֶ֖יהָ
8 וַיִּֽשְׁתַּחֲו֑וּ וְאַחַ֗ר נִגַּ֥שׁ יוֹסֵ֛ף וְרָחֵ֖ל וַיִּֽשְׁתַּחֲוֽוּ׃ וַיֹּ֕אמֶר מִ֥י
לְךָ֛ כָּל־הַמַּחֲנֶ֥ה הַזֶּ֖ה אֲשֶׁ֣ר פָּגָ֑שְׁתִּי וַיֹּ֕אמֶר לִמְצֹא־
9 חֵ֖ן בְּעֵינֵ֥י אֲדֹנִֽי׃ וַיֹּ֥אמֶר עֵשָׂ֖ו יֶשׁ־לִ֣י רָ֑ב אָחִ֕י יְהִ֥י
10 לְךָ֖ אֲשֶׁר־לָֽךְ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר יַעֲקֹ֗ב אַל־נָא֙ אִם־נָ֨א מָצָ֤אתִי
חֵן֙ בְּעֵינֶ֔יךָ וְלָקַחְתָּ֥ מִנְחָתִ֖י מִיָּדִ֑י כִּ֣י עַל־כֵּ֞ן רָאִ֣יתִי
11 פָנֶ֗יךָ כִּרְאֹ֛ת פְּנֵ֥י אֱלֹהִ֖ים וַתִּרְצֵֽנִי׃ קַח־נָ֤א אֶת־
בִּרְכָתִי֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר הֻבָ֣את לָ֔ךְ כִּֽי־חַנַּ֥נִי אֱלֹהִ֖ים וְכִ֣י יֶשׁ־
12 לִי־כֹ֑ל וַיִּפְצַר־בּ֖וֹ וַיִּקָּֽח׃ וַיֹּ֖אמֶר נִסְעָ֣ה וְנֵלֵ֑כָה וְאֵלְכָ֖ה
13 לְנֶגְדֶּֽךָ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֵלָ֗יו אֲדֹנִ֤י יֹדֵ֙עַ֙ כִּֽי־הַיְלָדִ֣ים רַכִּ֔ים
וְהַצֹּ֥אן וְהַבָּקָ֖ר עָל֣וֹת עָלָ֑י וּדְפָקוּם֙ י֣וֹם אֶחָ֔ד וָמֵ֖תוּ
14 כָּל־הַצֹּֽאן׃ יַעֲבָר־נָ֥א אֲדֹנִ֖י לִפְנֵ֣י עַבְדּ֑וֹ וַאֲנִ֞י אֶֽתְנָהֲלָ֣ה
לְאִטִּ֗י לְרֶ֨גֶל הַמְּלָאכָ֤ה אֲשֶׁר־לְפָנַי֙ וּלְרֶ֣גֶל הַיְלָדִ֔ים
15 עַ֛ד אֲשֶׁר־אָבֹ֥א אֶל־אֲדֹנִ֖י שֵׂעִֽירָה׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר עֵשָׂ֔ו

* רביעי * וישקהו כלו נקוד

and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost. 3. And he passed on before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. 4. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept. 5. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are these with thee? And he said, The children whom God hath graciously given thy servant.* 6. Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. 7. And Leah also with her children came near, and they bowed themselves; and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. 8. And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, To find grace in the eyes of my lord. 9. And Esau said, I have enough, my brother, keep what thou hast unto thyself. 10. And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if I have but found grace in thy eyes, then do thou receive my present at my hand; since I have seen thy face, it is as though I had seen the face of an angel, and thou hast received me kindly. 11. Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have a plenty. And he urged him, and he took it. 12. And he said, Let us depart, and let us move farther, and I will travel near thee. 13. And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are a charge on me: and if they should overdrive them one day, all the flock would die. 14. Let my lord, I pray thee, pass on before his servant: and I will lead on slowly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children may be able to travel, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. 15. And Esau said, Let

אַצִּֽיגָה־נָּא עִמְּךָ מִן־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר אִתִּי וַיֹּאמֶר לָמָּה
16 זֶּה אֶמְצָא־חֵן בְּעֵינֵי אֲדֹנִי׃ וַיָּשָׁב בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא עֵשָׂו
17 לְדַרְכּוֹ שֵׂעִירָה׃ וְיַעֲקֹב נָסַע סֻכֹּתָה וַיִּבֶן לוֹ בָּיִת
וּלְמִקְנֵהוּ עָשָׂה סֻכֹּת עַל־כֵּן קָרָא שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם
18 סֻכּוֹת׃ ס וַיָּבֹא יַעֲקֹב שָׁלֵם עִיר
שְׁכֶם אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן בְּבֹאוֹ מִפַּדַּן אֲרָם וַיִּחַן
19 אֶת־פְּנֵי הָעִיר׃ וַיִּקֶן אֶת־חֶלְקַת הַשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר
נָטָה־שָׁם אָהֳלוֹ מִיַּד בְּנֵי־חֲמוֹר אֲבִי שְׁכֶם בְּמֵאָה
20 לד קְשִׂיטָה׃ וַיַּצֶּב־שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ וַיִּקְרָא־לוֹ אֵל אֱלֹהֵי
1 יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ ס חמישי וַתֵּצֵא דִינָה בַּת־לֵאָה
2 אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה לְיַעֲקֹב לִרְאוֹת בִּבְנוֹת הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיַּרְא
אֹתָהּ שְׁכֶם בֶּן־חֲמוֹר הַחִוִּי נְשִׂיא הָאָרֶץ וַיִּקַּח
3 אֹתָהּ וַיִּשְׁכַּב אֹתָהּ וַיְעַנֶּהָ׃ וַתִּדְבַּק נַפְשׁוֹ בְּדִינָה
בַּת־יַעֲקֹב וַיֶּאֱהַב אֶת־הַנַּעֲרָ* וַיְדַבֵּר עַל־לֵב הַנַּעֲרָ׃
4 וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁכֶם אֶל־חֲמוֹר אָבִיו לֵאמֹר קַח־לִי אֶת־
5 הַיַּלְדָּה הַזֹּאת לְאִשָּׁה׃ וְיַעֲקֹב שָׁמַע כִּי טִמֵּא אֶת־
דִּינָה בִתּוֹ וּבָנָיו הָיוּ אֶת־מִקְנֵהוּ בַּשָּׂדֶה וְהֶחֱרִשׁ
6 יַעֲקֹב עַד־בֹּאָם׃ וַיֵּצֵא חֲמוֹר אֲבִי־שְׁכֶם אֶל־יַעֲקֹב
7 לְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ׃ וּבְנֵי יַעֲקֹב בָּאוּ מִן־הַשָּׂדֶה כְּשָׁמְעָם
וַיִּתְעַצְּבוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיִּחַר לָהֶם מְאֹד כִּי נְבָלָה עָשָׂה
בְיִשְׂרָאֵל לִשְׁכַּב אֶת־בַּת־יַעֲקֹב וְכֵן לֹא יֵעָשֶׂה׃

* הנערה קרי

me, I pray thee, leave with thee some of the people that are with me, And he said, What needeth it? let me only find grace in the eyes of my lord. 16. So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. 17. And Jacob journeyed to Succoth and built himself a house, and for his cattle he made booths; therefore he called the name of the place Succoth.[a]

18. And Jacob came in good health to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and he encamped before the city. 19. And he bought the parcel of the field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Chamor, the father of Shechem, for hundred pieces of money. 20. And he erected there an altar, and called it, El-elohe-Israel.[b]*

CHAP. XXXIV. 1. And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she had born unto Jacob, went out to look among the daughters of the land. 2. And Shechem the son of Chamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, and he took her, and lay with her, and did her violence. 3. And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the maiden, and spoke kindly unto the maiden. 4. And Shechem spoke unto Chamor his father, saying, Get me this maiden for wife. 5. And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; but his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. 6. And Chamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to speak with him. 7. And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it, and the men were grieved, and it greatly excited their anger; because he had wrought a disgraceful thing in Israel to lie with the daughter of Jacob, which thing ought not to be

[a] From Succah, "a booth." [b] "God, the God of Israel."

8 וַיְדַבֵּ֥ר חֲמ֖וֹר אִתָּ֣ם לֵאמֹ֑ר שְׁכֶ֣ם בְּנִ֗י חָֽשְׁקָ֤ה
9 נַפְשׁוֹ֙ בְּבִתְּכֶ֔ם תְּנ֨וּ נָ֥א אֹתָ֛הּ ל֖וֹ לְאִשָּֽׁה׃ וְהִֽתְחַתְּנ֖וּ
אֹתָ֑נוּ בְּנֹתֵיכֶם֙ תִּתְּנוּ־לָ֔נוּ וְאֶת־בְּנֹתֵ֖ינוּ תִּקְח֥וּ לָכֶֽם׃
10 וְאִתָּ֖נוּ תֵּשֵׁ֑בוּ וְהָאָ֗רֶץ תִּהְיֶ֣ה לִפְנֵיכֶ֔ם שְׁבוּ֙ וּסְחָר֔וּהָ
11 וְהֵאָחֲז֖וּ בָּֽהּ׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר שְׁכֶם֙ אֶל־אָבִ֣יהָ וְאֶל־אַחֶ֔יהָ
אֶמְצָא־חֵ֖ן בְּעֵינֵיכֶ֑ם וַאֲשֶׁ֥ר תֹּאמְר֛וּ אֵלַ֖י אֶתֵּֽן׃
12 הַרְבּ֨וּ עָלַ֤י מְאֹד֙ מֹ֣הַר וּמַתָּ֔ן וְאֶ֨תְּנָ֔ה כַּאֲשֶׁ֥ר תֹּאמְר֖וּ
13 אֵלָ֑י וּתְנוּ־לִ֥י אֶת־הַֽנַּעֲרָ֖* לְאִשָּֽׁה׃ וַיַּעֲנ֨וּ בְנֵֽי־יַעֲקֹ֜ב
אֶת־שְׁכֶ֨ם וְאֶת־חֲמ֥וֹר אָבִ֛יו בְּמִרְמָ֖ה וַיְדַבֵּ֑רוּ אֲשֶׁ֣ר
14 טִמֵּ֔א אֵ֖ת דִּינָ֥ה אֲחֹתָֽם׃ וַיֹּאמְר֣וּ אֲלֵיהֶ֗ם לֹ֤א נוּכַל֙
לַעֲשׂוֹת֙ הַדָּבָ֣ר הַזֶּ֔ה לָתֵת֙ אֶת־אֲחֹתֵ֔נוּ לְאִ֖ישׁ
15 אֲשֶׁר־ל֣וֹ עָרְלָ֑ה כִּי־חֶרְפָּ֥ה הִ֖וא לָֽנוּ׃ אַךְ־בְּזֹ֖את
נֵא֣וֹת לָכֶ֑ם אִ֚ם תִּהְי֣וּ כָמֹ֔נוּ לְהִמֹּ֥ל לָכֶ֖ם כָּל־זָכָֽר׃
16 וְנָתַ֤נּוּ אֶת־בְּנֹתֵ֙ינוּ֙ לָכֶ֔ם וְאֶת־בְּנֹתֵיכֶ֖ם נִֽקַּֽח־לָ֑נוּ
17 וְיָשַׁ֣בְנוּ אִתְּכֶ֔ם וְהָיִ֖ינוּ לְעַ֥ם אֶחָֽד׃ וְאִם־לֹ֧א תִשְׁמְע֛וּ
18 אֵלֵ֖ינוּ לְהִמּ֑וֹל וְלָקַ֥חְנוּ אֶת־בִּתֵּ֖נוּ וְהָלָֽכְנוּ׃ וַיִּֽיטְב֥וּ
דִבְרֵיהֶ֖ם בְּעֵינֵ֣י חֲמ֑וֹר וּבְעֵינֵ֖י שְׁכֶ֥ם בֶּן־חֲמֽוֹר׃
19 וְלֹֽא־אֵחַ֤ר הַנַּ֙עַר֙ לַעֲשׂ֣וֹת הַדָּבָ֔ר כִּ֥י חָפֵ֖ץ בְּבַת־
20 יַעֲקֹ֑ב וְה֣וּא נִכְבָּ֔ד מִכֹּ֖ל בֵּ֥ית אָבִֽיו׃ וַיָּבֹ֥א חֲמ֛וֹר
וּשְׁכֶ֥ם בְּנ֖וֹ אֶל־שַׁ֣עַר עִירָ֑ם וַיְדַבְּר֛וּ אֶל־אַנְשֵׁ֥י עִירָ֖ם
21 לֵאמֹֽר׃ הָאֲנָשִׁ֨ים הָאֵ֜לֶּה שְֽׁלֵמִ֧ים הֵ֣ם אִתָּ֗נוּ וְיֵשְׁב֤וּ

* הנערה קרי

done. 8. And Chamor spoke with them, saying, The soul of Shechem my son longeth for your daughter; give her I pray you unto him for wife. 9. And intermarry with us; your daughters ye shall give unto us, and our daughters ye may take unto yourselves. 10. And with us ye shall dwell; and the land shall be open before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and acquire possessions therein. 11. And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me but find grace in your eyes, and whatever ye may say unto me, I will give. 12. Ask of me ever so much dowry and gift, and I will give, just as ye may say unto me; but give me the maiden for wife. 13. And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Chamor his father with cunning, and spoke, because he had defiled Dinah their sister. 14. And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us. 15. But on this condition will we consent unto you; if ye will become as we are, that every male of you be circumcised: 16. Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. 17. But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised, then will we take our daughter, and go our way. 18. And their words were pleasing in the eyes of Chamor, and Shechem, the son of Chamor. 19. And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter; and he was the most honoured of all the house of his father. 20. And Chamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying, 21. These men are peaceably inclined with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein;[a] and the land,

[a] MENDELSSOHN renders: "And they wish to dwell in the land and travel about therein."

בָּאָרֶץ וְיִסְחֲרוּ אֹתָהּ וְהָאָרֶץ הִנֵּה רַחֲבַת־יָדַיִם
לִפְנֵיהֶם אֶת־בְּנֹתָם נִקַּח־לָנוּ לְנָשִׁים וְאֶת־בְּנֹתֵינוּ
22 נִתֵּן לָהֶם׃ אַךְ־בְּזֹאת יֵאֹתוּ לָנוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים לָשֶׁבֶת
אִתָּנוּ לִהְיוֹת לְעַם אֶחָד בְּהִמּוֹל לָנוּ כָּל־זָכָר
23 כַּאֲשֶׁר הֵם נִמֹּלִים׃ מִקְנֵהֶם וְקִנְיָנָם וְכָל־בְּהֶמְתָּם
הֲלוֹא לָנוּ הֵם אַךְ נֵאוֹתָה לָהֶם וְיֵשְׁבוּ אִתָּנוּ׃
24 וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶל־חֲמוֹר וְאֶל־שְׁכֶם בְּנוֹ כָּל־יֹצְאֵי שַׁעַר
25 עִירוֹ וַיִּמֹּלוּ כָּל־זָכָר כָּל־יֹצְאֵי שַׁעַר עִירוֹ׃ וַיְהִי
בַיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי בִּהְיוֹתָם כֹּאֲבִים וַיִּקְחוּ שְׁנֵי־בְנֵי־
יַעֲקֹב שִׁמְעוֹן וְלֵוִי אֲחֵי דִינָה אִישׁ חַרְבּוֹ וַיָּבֹאוּ
26 עַל־הָעִיר בֶּטַח וַיַּהַרְגוּ כָּל־זָכָר׃ וְאֶת־חֲמוֹר וְאֶת־
שְׁכֶם בְּנוֹ הָרְגוּ לְפִי־חָרֶב וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־דִּינָה מִבֵּית
27 שְׁכֶם וַיֵּצֵאוּ׃ בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב בָּאוּ עַל־הַחֲלָלִים וַיָּבֹזּוּ
28 הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר טִמְּאוּ אֲחוֹתָם׃ אֶת־צֹאנָם וְאֶת־בְּקָרָם
וְאֶת־חֲמֹרֵיהֶם וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר־בָּעִיר וְאֶת־אֲשֶׁר
29 בַּשָּׂדֶה לָקָחוּ׃ וְאֶת־כָּל־חֵילָם וְאֶת־כָּל־טַפָּם וְאֶת־
30 נְשֵׁיהֶם שָׁבוּ וַיָּבֹזּוּ וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר בַּבָּיִת׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
יַעֲקֹב אֶל־שִׁמְעוֹן וְאֶל־לֵוִי עֲכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי לְהַבְאִישֵׁנִי
בְּיֹשֵׁב הָאָרֶץ בַּכְּנַעֲנִי וּבַפְּרִזִּי וַאֲנִי מְתֵי מִסְפָּר
31 וְנֶאֶסְפוּ עָלַי וְהִכּוּנִי וְנִשְׁמַדְתִּי אֲנִי וּבֵיתִי׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ
הַכְזוֹנָה יַעֲשֶׂה אֶת־אֲחוֹתֵנוּ׃ פ

behold it is large enough on all sides before them; their daughters we will take to us for wives, and our daughters we will give unto them. 22. Only with this condition will the men consent unto us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23. Their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs—will they not be ours? only let us consent unto them, that they may dwell with us. 24. And unto Chamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city. 25. And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took each his sword, and came upon the city unresisted[a] and slew all the males. 26. And they slew Chamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out. 27. The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28. They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field, 29. And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled; and all that was in the house. 30. And Jacob said unto Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to cause me to be hated among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and as I am but few in number, they may gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I would be destroyed, I and my house. 31. And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

[a] Rashi; but Onkelos refers בטח to the inhabitants of the city "expecting no danger."

לה 1 וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֱלֹהִים֙ אֶֽל־יַעֲקֹ֔ב ק֛וּם עֲלֵ֥ה בֵֽית־אֵ֖ל וְשֶׁב־
שָׁ֑ם וַֽעֲשֵׂה־שָׁ֣ם מִזְבֵּ֔חַ לָאֵל֙ הַנִּרְאֶ֣ה אֵלֶ֔יךָ בְּבָ֨רְחֲךָ֔
2 מִפְּנֵ֖י עֵשָׂ֥ו אָחִֽיךָ׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר יַעֲקֹב֙ אֶל־בֵּית֔וֹ וְאֶ֖ל כָּל־
אֲשֶׁ֣ר עִמּ֑וֹ הָסִ֜רוּ אֶת־אֱלֹהֵ֤י הַנֵּכָר֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר בְּתֹֽכְכֶ֔ם
3 וְהִֽטַּהֲר֔וּ וְהַחֲלִ֖יפוּ שִׂמְלֹתֵיכֶֽם׃ וְנָק֥וּמָה וְנַעֲלֶ֖ה
בֵּֽית־אֵ֑ל וְאֶֽעֱשֶׂה־שָּׁ֣ם מִזְבֵּ֗חַ לָאֵ֞ל הָעֹנֶ֤ה אֹתִי֙ בְּי֣וֹם
4 צָֽרָתִ֔י וַיְהִי֙ עִמָּדִ֔י בַּדֶּ֖רֶךְ אֲשֶׁ֥ר הָלָֽכְתִּי׃ וַיִּתְּנ֣וּ אֶֽל־
יַעֲקֹ֗ב אֵ֣ת כָּל־אֱלֹהֵ֤י הַנֵּכָר֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר בְּיָדָ֔ם וְאֶת־
הַנְּזָמִ֖ים אֲשֶׁ֣ר בְּאָזְנֵיהֶ֑ם וַיִּטְמֹ֤ן אֹתָם֙ יַעֲקֹ֔ב תַּ֥חַת
5 הָאֵלָ֖ה אֲשֶׁ֥ר עִם־שְׁכֶֽם׃ וַיִּסָּ֑עוּ וַיְהִ֣י ׀ חִתַּ֣ת אֱלֹהִ֗ים
עַל־הֶֽעָרִים֙ אֲשֶׁר֙ סְבִיבֽוֹתֵיהֶ֔ם וְלֹ֣א רָֽדְפ֔וּ אַחֲרֵ֖י בְּנֵ֥י
6 יַעֲקֹֽב׃ וַיָּבֹ֨א יַעֲקֹ֜ב ל֗וּזָה אֲשֶׁר֙ בְּאֶ֣רֶץ כְּנַ֔עַן הִ֖וא
7 בֵּֽית־אֵ֑ל ה֖וּא וְכָל־הָעָ֥ם אֲשֶׁר־עִמּֽוֹ׃ וַיִּ֤בֶן שָׁם֙ מִזְבֵּ֔חַ
וַיִּקְרָא֙ לַמָּק֔וֹם אֵ֖ל בֵּֽית־אֵ֑ל כִּ֣י שָׁ֗ם נִגְל֤וּ אֵלָיו֙
8 הָֽאֱלֹהִ֔ים בְּבָרְח֖וֹ מִפְּנֵ֥י אָחִֽיו׃ וַתָּ֤מָת דְּבֹרָה֙ מֵינֶ֣קֶת
רִבְקָ֔ה וַתִּקָּבֵ֛ר מִתַּ֥חַת לְבֵֽית־אֵ֖ל תַּ֣חַת הָֽאַלּ֑וֹן
וַיִּקְרָ֥א שְׁמ֖וֹ אַלּ֥וֹן בָּכֽוּת׃ פ
9 וַיֵּרָ֨א אֱלֹהִ֤ים אֶֽל־יַעֲקֹב֙ ע֔וֹד בְּבֹא֖וֹ מִפַּדַּ֣ן אֲרָ֑ם
10 וַיְבָ֖רֶךְ אֹתֽוֹ׃ וַיֹּֽאמֶר־ל֥וֹ אֱלֹהִ֖ים שִׁמְךָ֣ יַעֲקֹ֑ב לֹֽא־
יִקָּרֵא֩ שִׁמְךָ֨ ע֜וֹד יַעֲקֹ֗ב כִּ֤י אִם־יִשְׂרָאֵל֙ יִהְיֶ֣ה שְׁמֶ֔ךָ
11 וַיִּקְרָ֥א אֶת־שְׁמ֖וֹ יִשְׂרָאֵֽל׃ וַיֹּ֩אמֶר֩ ל֨וֹ אֱלֹהִ֜ים אֲנִ֣י

CHAP. XXXV. 1. And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there; and make there an altar unto the God that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. 2. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and cleanse yourselves and change your garments. 3. And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto the God who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me on the way which I went. 4. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and the ear-rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem. 5. And they journeyed; and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6. So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth-el, he and all the people that were with him. 7. And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el:[a] because there God[b] appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. 8. And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and he called its name Allon-bachuth.[c]

9. And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him. 10. And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob; thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11. And God said unto him, I

[a] "God of Bethel."

[b] According to Rashi; but Onkelos renders, "For there appeared to him the angels of the Lord."

[c] "Oak of weeping."

אֵל שַׁדַּי פְּרֵה וּרְבֵה גּוֹי וּקְהַל גּוֹיִם יִהְיֶה מִמֶּךָּ
12 וּמְלָכִים מֵחֲלָצֶיךָ יֵצֵאוּ : וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי
לְאַבְרָהָם וּלְיִצְחָק לְךָ אֶתְּנֶנָּה וּלְזַרְעֲךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ
13 אֶתֵּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ : וַיַּעַל מֵעָלָיו אֱלֹהִים בַּמָּקוֹם
14 אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר אִתּוֹ : וַיַּצֵּב יַעֲקֹב מַצֵּבָה בַּמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־
דִּבֶּר אִתּוֹ מַצֶּבֶת אָבֶן וַיַּסֵּךְ עָלֶיהָ נֶסֶךְ וַיִּצֹק עָלֶיהָ
15 שָׁמֶן : וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב אֶת־שֵׁם הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר
16 אִתּוֹ שָׁם אֱלֹהִים בֵּית־אֵל : וַיִּסְעוּ מִבֵּית אֵל וַיְהִי־
עוֹד כִּבְרַת־הָאָרֶץ לָבוֹא אֶפְרָתָה וַתֵּלֶד רָחֵל וַתְּקַשׁ
17 בְּלִדְתָּהּ : וַיְהִי בְהַקְשֹׁתָהּ בְּלִדְתָּהּ וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ
18 הַמְיַלֶּדֶת אַל־תִּירְאִי כִּי־גַם־זֶה לָךְ בֵּן : וַיְהִי בְּצֵאת
נַפְשָׁהּ כִּי מֵתָה וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ בֶּן־אוֹנִי וְאָבִיו קָרָא־
19 לוֹ בִנְיָמִין : וַתָּמָת רָחֵל וַתִּקָּבֵר בְּדֶרֶךְ אֶפְרָתָה
20 הִוא בֵּית לָחֶם : וַיַּצֵּב יַעֲקֹב מַצֵּבָה עַל־קְבֻרָתָהּ
21 הִוא מַצֶּבֶת קְבֻרַת־רָחֵל עַד־הַיּוֹם : וַיִּסַּע יִשְׂרָאֵל
22 וַיֵּט אָהֳלֹה מֵהָלְאָה לְמִגְדַּל־עֵדֶר : וַיְהִי בִּשְׁכֹּן
יִשְׂרָאֵל בָּאָרֶץ הַהִוא וַיֵּלֶךְ רְאוּבֵן וַיִּשְׁכַּב אֶת־
בִּלְהָה פִּילֶגֶשׁ אָבִיו וַיִּשְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל פ
23 וַיִּהְיוּ בְנֵי־יַעֲקֹב שְׁנֵים עָשָׂר : בְּנֵי לֵאָה בְּכוֹר יַעֲקֹב
24 רְאוּבֵן וְשִׁמְעוֹן וְלֵוִי וִיהוּדָה וְיִשָּׂשכָר וּזְבֻלוּן : בְּנֵי
25 רָחֵל יוֹסֵף וּבִנְיָמִן : וּבְנֵי בִלְהָה שִׁפְחַת רָחֵל דָּן

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am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; a nation and
an assemblage of nations shall spring from thee, and kings
shall come out of thy loins.* 12. And the land which I
gave to Abraham and Isaac, to thee will I give it, and to
thy seed after thee will I give the land. 13. And God
went up from him on the place where he had spoken with
him.* 14. And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where
he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured
a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. 15.
And Jacob called the name of the place where God had
spoken with him, Beth-el. 16. And they journeyed from
Beth-el; and there was yet some distance to come to
Ephrath; when Rachel travailed, and she had hard
labour. 17. And it came to pass, when she was in hard
labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; for this
child also is a son for thee.[a] 18. And it came to pass, as
her soul was departing, (for she died,) that she called his
name Ben-oni:[b] but his father called him Benjamin.[c] 19.
And Rachel died, and was buried on the way to Ephrath,
which is Beth-lehem. 20. And Jacob set a pillar upon
her grave; this is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this
day. 21. And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent be-
yond the tower of flocks. 22. And it came to pass, when
Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with
Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. 23. The sons of
Leah, Jacob's first-born, Reuben, and Simeon, and Levi,
and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun; 24. The sons of
Rachel, Joseph, and Benjamin; 25. And the sons of
Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid, Dan, and Naphtali; 26. And

[a] No doubt referring to Rachel's wish at the birth of Joseph. (Gen. xxx. 24.)

[b] "Son of my pain."

[c] "Son of my old age."

26 וְנַפְתָּלִי׃ וּבְנֵי זִלְפָּה שִׁפְחַת לֵאָה גָּד וְאָשֵׁר אֵלֶּה
27 בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב אֲשֶׁר יֻלַּד־לוֹ בְּפַדַּן אֲרָם׃ וַיָּבֹא יַעֲקֹב
אֶל־יִצְחָק אָבִיו מַמְרֵא קִרְיַת הָאַרְבַּע הִוא
28 חֶבְרוֹן אֲשֶׁר־גָּר־שָׁם אַבְרָהָם וְיִצְחָק׃ וַיִּהְיוּ יְמֵי
29 יִצְחָק מְאַת שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנִים שָׁנָה׃ וַיִּגְוַע יִצְחָק
וַיָּמָת וַיֵּאָסֶף אֶל־עַמָּיו זָקֵן וּשְׂבַע יָמִים וַיִּקְבְּרוּ
לו אֹתוֹ עֵשָׂו וְיַעֲקֹב בָּנָיו׃ פ
1 2 וְאֵלֶּה תֹּלְדוֹת עֵשָׂו הוּא אֱדוֹם׃ עֵשָׂו לָקַח אֶת־
נָשָׁיו מִבְּנוֹת כְּנָעַן אֶת־עָדָה בַּת־אֵילוֹן הַחִתִּי וְאֶת־
3 אָהֳלִיבָמָה בַּת־עֲנָה בַּת־צִבְעוֹן הַחִוִּי׃ וְאֶת־בָּשְׂמַת
4 בַּת־יִשְׁמָעֵאל אֲחוֹת נְבָיוֹת׃ וַתֵּלֶד עָדָה לְעֵשָׂו
5 אֶת־אֱלִיפָז וּבָשְׂמַת יָלְדָה אֶת־רְעוּאֵל׃ וְאָהֳלִיבָמָה
יָלְדָה אֶת־יְעִישׁ* וְאֶת־יַעְלָם וְאֶת־קֹרַח אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי
6 עֵשָׂו אֲשֶׁר יֻלְּדוּ־לוֹ בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן׃ וַיִּקַּח עֵשָׂו אֶת־
נָשָׁיו וְאֶת־בָּנָיו וְאֶת־בְּנֹתָיו וְאֶת־כָּל־נַפְשׁוֹת בֵּיתוֹ
וְאֶת־מִקְנֵהוּ וְאֶת־כָּל־בְּהֶמְתּוֹ וְאֵת כָּל־קִנְיָנוֹ
אֲשֶׁר רָכַשׁ בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־אֶרֶץ מִפְּנֵי
7 יַעֲקֹב אָחִיו׃ כִּי־הָיָה רְכוּשָׁם רָב מִשֶּׁבֶת יַחְדָּו
וְלֹא יָכְלָה אֶרֶץ מְגוּרֵיהֶם לָשֵׂאת אֹתָם מִפְּנֵי
8 מִקְנֵיהֶם׃ וַיֵּשֶׁב עֵשָׂו בְּהַר שֵׂעִיר עֵשָׂו הוּא אֱדוֹם׃
9 10 וְאֵלֶּה תֹּלְדוֹת עֵשָׂו אֲבִי אֱדוֹם בְּהַר שֵׂעִיר׃ אֵלֶּה

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the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Padan-aram. 27. And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. 28. And the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years. 29. And Isaac departed this life, and died, and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days, and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.

CHAP. XXXVI. 1. Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom. 2. Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah[a] the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; 3. And Bahsemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebayoth. 4. And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz; and Bahsemath bore Reuël; 5. And Aholibamah bare Yeush, and Yaalam, and Korach: these are the sons of Esau, that were born unto him in the land of Canaan. 6. And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into another country from the face of his brother Jacob. 7. For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land of their sojourning could not bear them because of their cattle. 8. Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom. 9. And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edom in mount Seir. 10. These are the

[a] In Genesis xxvi. 34, the wives of Esau are called Judith, daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bahsemath daughter of Elon; we may therefore assume that the daughter of Beeri died, when Esau took Aholibamah; and regarding the names of Adah in the case of the daughter of Elon and of Bahsemath, the daughter of Ishmael, that they may have been

שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי־עֵשָׂו אֱלִיפַז בֶּן־עָדָה אֵשֶׁת עֵשָׂו רְעוּאֵל
11 בֶּן־בָּשְׂמַת אֵשֶׁת עֵשָׂו: וַיִּהְיוּ בְּנֵי אֱלִיפָז תֵּימָן
12 אוֹמָר צְפוֹ וְגַעְתָּם וּקְנַז: וְתִמְנַע ׀ הָיְתָה פִילֶגֶשׁ
לֶאֱלִיפַז בֶּן־עֵשָׂו וַתֵּלֶד לֶאֱלִיפַז אֶת־עֲמָלֵק אֵלֶּה
13 בְּנֵי עָדָה אֵשֶׁת עֵשָׂו: וְאֵלֶּה בְּנֵי רְעוּאֵל נַחַת וָזֶרַח
14 שַׁמָּה וּמִזָּה אֵלֶּה הָיוּ בְּנֵי בָשְׂמַת אֵשֶׁת עֵשָׂו: וְאֵלֶּה
הָיוּ בְּנֵי אָהֳלִיבָמָה בַת־עֲנָה בַּת־צִבְעוֹן אֵשֶׁת עֵשָׂו
וַתֵּלֶד לְעֵשָׂו אֶת־יְעִישׁ* וְאֶת־יַעְלָם וְאֶת־קֹרַח:
15 אֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵי בְנֵי־עֵשָׂו בְּנֵי אֱלִיפַז בְּכוֹר עֵשָׂו אַלּוּף
16 תֵּימָן אַלּוּף אוֹמָר אַלּוּף צְפוֹ אַלּוּף קְנַז: אַלּוּף־
קֹרַח אַלּוּף גַּעְתָּם אַלּוּף עֲמָלֵק אֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵי
17 אֱלִיפַז בְּאֶרֶץ אֱדוֹם אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי עָדָה: וְאֵלֶּה בְּנֵי
רְעוּאֵל בֶּן־עֵשָׂו אַלּוּף נַחַת אַלּוּף זֶרַח אַלּוּף
שַׁמָּה אַלּוּף מִזָּה אֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵי רְעוּאֵל בְּאֶרֶץ אֱדוֹם
18 אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי בָשְׂמַת אֵשֶׁת עֵשָׂו: וְאֵלֶּה בְּנֵי אָהֳלִיבָמָה
אֵשֶׁת עֵשָׂו אַלּוּף יְעוּשׁ אַלּוּף יַעְלָם אַלּוּף
קֹרַח אֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵי אָהֳלִיבָמָה בַּת־עֲנָה אֵשֶׁת
19 עֵשָׂו: אֵלֶּה בְנֵי־עֵשָׂו וְאֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵיהֶם הוּא
20 אֱדוֹם: ס שביעי אֵלֶּה בְנֵי־שֵׂעִיר הַחֹרִי יֹשְׁבֵי
21 הָאָרֶץ לוֹטָן וְשׁוֹבָל וְצִבְעוֹן וַעֲנָה: וְדִשׁוֹן וְאֵצֶר
וְדִישָׁן אֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵי הַחֹרִי בְּנֵי שֵׂעִיר בְּאֶרֶץ אֱדוֹם:

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names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuël the son of Bahsemath the wife of Esau. 11. And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12. And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife. 13. And these are the sons of Reuël: Nachath, and Zerach, Shammah, and Mizzah; these were the sons of Bahsemath Esau's wife. 14. And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bore to Esau Yeush, and Yaalam, and Korach. 15. These are the dukes of the sons of Esau; the sons of Eliphaz the first-born of Esau: duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, 16. Duke Korach, duke Gatam, duke Amalek; these are the dukes of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. 17. And these are the sons of Reuël Esau's son: duke Nachath, duke Zerach, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah; these are the dukes of Reuël in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Bahsemath Esau's wife. 18. And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife: duke Yeush, duke Yaalam, duke Korach; these are the dukes of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19. These are the sons of Esau, and these are their dukes; this is Edom.*

20. These are the sons of Seir the Chorite, who inhabited the land: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, 21. And Dishon, and Etzer, and Dishan; these are the dukes of the Chorites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. 22. And the children of Lotan were Chori and

terms of endearment applied to them. For instance, עדה from עדי "ornament," בשׂמה from בשׂם "spice." Such names are not uncommon in the East.

22 וַיִּהְיוּ בְנֵי־לוֹטָן חֹרִי וְהֵימָם וַאֲחוֹת לוֹטָן תִּמְנָע׃
23 וְאֵלֶּה בְּנֵי שׁוֹבָל עַלְוָן וּמָנַחַת וְעֵיבָל שְׁפוֹ וְאוֹנָם׃
24 וְאֵלֶּה בְנֵי־צִבְעוֹן וְאַיָּה וַעֲנָה הוּא עֲנָה אֲשֶׁר
מָצָא אֶת־הַיֵּמִם בַּמִּדְבָּר בִּרְעֹתוֹ אֶת־הַחֲמֹרִים
25 לְצִבְעוֹן אָבִיו׃ וְאֵלֶּה בְנֵי־עֲנָה דִּשֹׁן וְאָהֳלִיבָמָה
26 בַּת־עֲנָה׃ וְאֵלֶּה בְּנֵי דִישָׁן חֶמְדָּן וְאֶשְׁבָּן וְיִתְרָן
27 28 וּכְרָן׃ אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי־אֵצֶר בִּלְהָן וְזַעֲוָן וַעֲקָן׃ אֵלֶּה בְנֵי־
29 דִישָׁן עוּץ וַאֲרָן׃ אֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵי הַחֹרִי אַלּוּף לוֹטָן
30 אַלּוּף שׁוֹבָל אַלּוּף צִבְעוֹן אַלּוּף עֲנָה׃ אַלּוּף
דִּשֹׁן אַלּוּף אֵצֶר אַלּוּף דִּישָׁן אֵלֶּה אַלּוּפֵי הַחֹרִי
לְאַלֻּפֵיהֶם בְּאֶרֶץ שֵׂעִיר׃ פ
31 וְאֵלֶּה הַמְּלָכִים אֲשֶׁר מָלְכוּ בְּאֶרֶץ אֱדוֹם לִפְנֵי
32 מְלָךְ־מֶלֶךְ לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ וַיִּמְלֹךְ בֶּאֱדוֹם בֶּלַע בֶּן־
33 בְּעוֹר וְשֵׁם עִירוֹ דִּנְהָבָה׃ וַיָּמָת בָּלַע וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו
34 יוֹבָב בֶּן־זֶרַח מִבָּצְרָה׃ וַיָּמָת יוֹבָב וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו
35 חֻשָׁם מֵאֶרֶץ הַתֵּימָנִי׃ וַיָּמָת חֻשָׁם וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו
הֲדַד בֶּן־בְּדַד הַמַּכֶּה אֶת־מִדְיָן בִּשְׂדֵה מוֹאָב
36 וְשֵׁם עִירוֹ עֲוִית׃ וַיָּמָת הֲדָד וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו שַׂמְלָה
37 מִמַּשְׂרֵקָה׃ וַיָּמָת שַׂמְלָה וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו שָׁאוּל
38 מֵרְחֹבוֹת הַנָּהָר׃ וַיָּמָת שָׁאוּל וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו בַּעַל
39 חָנָן בֶּן־עַכְבּוֹר׃ וַיָּמָת בַּעַל חָנָן בֶּן־עַכְבּוֹר וַיִּמְלֹךְ

Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. 23. And these were the children of Shobal: Alvan, and Manachath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. 24. And these are the children of Zibeon: both Ajah, and Anah; this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. 25. And these are the children of Anah: Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26. And these are the children of Dishan: Chemdan, and Eshban, and Yithran, and Cheran. 27. These are the children of Etzer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. 28. These are the children of Dishan: Uz, and Aran. 29. These are the dukes of the Chorites: duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah; 30. Duke Dishon, duke Etzer, duke Dishan; these are the dukes of Chori, after their dukes in the land of Seir.

31. And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.[a] 32. And there reigned in Edom Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 33. And Bela died, and there reigned in his stead Yobab the son of Zerach of Bozrah. 34. And Yobab died, and there reigned in his stead Chusham of the land of Teman. 35. And Chusham died, and there reigned in his stead Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab; and the name of his city was Avith. 36. And Hadad died, and there reigned in his stead Samlah of Masrekah. 37. And Samlah died, and there reigned in his stead Shaul of Rechoboth by the river. 38. And Shaul died, and there reigned in his stead Baal-chanan the son of Achbor. 39. And Baal-chanan the son of Achbor died,

[a] It is highly probable that the last of the eight kings mentioned here, was the king of Edom in the days of Moses, (Numb xx. 14,) and this verse then only expresses, that Edom had a consolidated government, whilst Israel was enslaved.

תַּחְתָּיו הֲדַר וְשֵׁם עִירוֹ פָּעוּ וְשֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ מְהֵיטַבְאֵל
40 בַּת־מַטְרֵד בַּת מֵי זָהָב׃ וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת אַלּוּפֵי עֵשָׂו
לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם לִמְקֹמֹתָם בִּשְׁמֹתָם אַלּוּף תִּמְנָע
אַלּוּף עַלְוָה אַלּוּף יְתֵת׃ אַלּוּף אָהֳלִיבָמָה אַלּוּף
41 אֵלָה אַלּוּף פִּינֹן׃ אַלּוּף קְנַז אַלּוּף תֵּימָן אַלּוּף
42 43 מִבְצָר׃ אַלּוּף מַגְדִּיאֵל אַלּוּף עִירָם אֵלֶּה ׀ אַלּוּפֵי
אֱדוֹם לְמֹשְׁבֹתָם בְּאֶרֶץ אֲחֻזָּתָם הוּא עֵשָׂו
אֲבִי אֱדוֹם׃ פ לז
1 וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מְגוּרֵי אָבִיו בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן׃
2 אֵלֶּה ׀ תֹּלְדוֹת יַעֲקֹב יוֹסֵף בֶּן־שְׁבַע־עֶשְׂרֵה
שָׁנָה הָיָה רֹעֶה אֶת־אֶחָיו בַּצֹּאן וְהוּא נַעַר אֶת־
בְּנֵי בִלְהָה וְאֶת־בְּנֵי זִלְפָּה נְשֵׁי אָבִיו וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף
3 אֶת־דִּבָּתָם רָעָה אֶל־אֲבִיהֶם׃ וְיִשְׂרָאֵל אָהַב אֶת־
יוֹסֵף מִכָּל־בָּנָיו כִּי־בֶן־זְקֻנִים הוּא לוֹ וְעָשָׂה לוֹ
4 כְּתֹנֶת פַּסִּים׃ וַיִּרְאוּ אֶחָיו כִּי־אֹתוֹ אָהַב אֲבִיהֶם
מִכָּל־אֶחָיו וַיִּשְׂנְאוּ אֹתוֹ וְלֹא יָכְלוּ דַּבְּרוֹ לְשָׁלֹם׃
5 וַיַּחֲלֹם יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם וַיַּגֵּד לְאֶחָיו וַיּוֹסִפוּ עוֹד שְׂנֹא
6 אֹתוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם שִׁמְעוּ־נָא הַחֲלוֹם הַזֶּה
7 אֲשֶׁר חָלָמְתִּי׃ וְהִנֵּה אֲנַחְנוּ מְאַלְּמִים אֲלֻמִּים
בְּתוֹךְ הַשָּׂדֶה וְהִנֵּה קָמָה אֲלֻמָּתִי וְגַם־נִצָּבָה
וְהִנֵּה תְסֻבֶּינָה אֲלֻמֹּתֵיכֶם וַתִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶיןָ לַאֲלֻמָּתִי׃

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and there reigned in his stead Hadar, and the name of his city was Paü; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.* 40. And these are the names of the dukes of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Yetheth, 41. Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, 42. Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, 43. Duke Magdiël, duke Iram: these are the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possessions; this is Esau the father of the Edom.

VAYESHEB.
CHAP. XXXVII.

1. And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojourning, in the land of Canaan. 2. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers; and he was as a lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought evil reports of them[a] unto his father. 3. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a coat of many colours.[b] 4. And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. 5. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brothers: and they hated him yet the more. 6. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed. 7. And, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also remained standing upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 8. And his brothers said to him,

[a] This refers to his brothers mentioned at first.

[b] Danger of preferring one child before the others, although he may deserve it; the preference shown by Jacob was as much cause for the hatred towards Joseph as his own faults of tale-bearing.

8 וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אֶחָיו הֲמָלֹךְ תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ אִם־מָשׁוֹל
תִּמְשֹׁל בָּנוּ וַיּוֹסִפוּ עוֹד שְׂנֹא אֹתוֹ עַל־חֲלֹמֹתָיו
9 וְעַל־דְּבָרָיו׃ וַיַּחֲלֹם עוֹד חֲלוֹם אַחֵר וַיְסַפֵּר אֹתוֹ
לְאֶחָיו וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה חָלַמְתִּי חֲלוֹם עוֹד וְהִנֵּה
הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וְהַיָּרֵחַ וְאַחַד עָשָׂר כּוֹכָבִים מִשְׁתַּחֲוִים
10 לִי׃ וַיְסַפֵּר אֶל־אָבִיו וְאֶל־אֶחָיו וַיִּגְעַר־בּוֹ אָבִיו
וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מָה הַחֲלוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר חָלָמְתָּ הֲבוֹא
נָבוֹא אֲנִי וְאִמְּךָ וְאַחֶיךָ לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת לְךָ אָרְצָה׃
11 12 וַיְקַנְאוּ־בוֹ אֶחָיו וְאָבִיו שָׁמַר אֶת־הַדָּבָר׃* וַיֵּלְכוּ
13 אֶחָיו לִרְעוֹת *אֶת־צֹאן אֲבִיהֶם בִּשְׁכֶם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יוֹסֵף הֲלוֹא אַחֶיךָ רֹעִים בִּשְׁכֶם
14 לְכָה וְאֶשְׁלָחֲךָ אֲלֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ הִנֵּנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
לוֹ לֶךְ־נָא רְאֵה אֶת־שְׁלוֹם אַחֶיךָ וְאֶת־שְׁלוֹם
הַצֹּאן וַהֲשִׁבֵנִי דָּבָר וַיִּשְׁלָחֵהוּ מֵעֵמֶק חֶבְרוֹן
15 וַיָּבֹא שְׁכֶמָה׃ וַיִּמְצָאֵהוּ אִישׁ וְהִנֵּה תֹעֶה בַּשָּׂדֶה
16 וַיִּשְׁאָלֵהוּ הָאִישׁ לֵאמֹר מַה־תְּבַקֵּשׁ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
אֶת־אַחַי אָנֹכִי מְבַקֵּשׁ הַגִּידָה־נָּא לִי אֵיפֹה הֵם
17 רֹעִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר הָאִישׁ נָסְעוּ מִזֶּה כִּי שָׁמַעְתִּי
אֹמְרִים נֵלְכָה דֹּתָיְנָה וַיֵּלֶךְ יוֹסֵף אַחַר אֶחָיו
18 וַיִּמְצָאֵם בְּדֹתָן׃ וַיִּרְאוּ אֹתוֹ מֵרָחֹק וּבְטֶרֶם יִקְרַב
19 אֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּתְנַכְּלוּ אֹתוֹ לַהֲמִיתוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ

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Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 9. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brothers, and he said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10. And he told it to his father, and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brothers indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? 11. And his brothers envied him; but his father noticed the matter in his mind.*[a] 12. And his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13. And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brothers feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.[b] 14. And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brothers, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering astray in the field; and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? 16. And he said I seek my brothers; tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks? 17. And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan. 18. And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19. And they said one to another, Behold, here cometh

[a] Rashi: "He waited and watched to see when it would come to pass."

[b] This phrase, frequently used in Scripture, expresses the readiness to do what is bidden.

20 אֶל־אָחִיו הִנֵּה בַּעַל הַחֲלֹמוֹת הַלָּזֶה בָּא׃ וְעַתָּה ׀
לְכוּ וְנַהַרְגֵהוּ וְנַשְׁלִכֵהוּ בְּאַחַד הַבֹּרוֹת וְאָמַרְנוּ
חַיָּה רָעָה אֲכָלָתְהוּ וְנִרְאֶה מַה־יִּהְיוּ חֲלֹמֹתָיו׃
21 וַיִּשְׁמַע רְאוּבֵן וַיַּצִּלֵהוּ מִיָּדָם וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא נַכֶּנּוּ
22 נָפֶשׁ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם ׀ רְאוּבֵן אַל־תִּשְׁפְּכוּ־דָם
הַשְׁלִיכוּ אֹתוֹ אֶל־הַבּוֹר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר בַּמִּדְבָּר וְיָד
אַל־תִּשְׁלְחוּ־בוֹ לְמַעַן הַצִּיל אֹתוֹ מִיָּדָם לַהֲשִׁיבוֹ
אֶל־אָבִיו׃ * וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר־בָּא יוֹסֵף אֶל־אֶחָיו וַיַּפְשִׁיטוּ
23 אֶת־יוֹסֵף אֶת־כֻּתָּנְתּוֹ אֶת־כְּתֹנֶת הַפַּסִּים אֲשֶׁר
24 עָלָיו׃ וַיִּקָּחֻהוּ וַיַּשְׁלִכוּ אֹתוֹ הַבֹּרָה וְהַבּוֹר רֵק
25 אֵין בּוֹ מָיִם׃ וַיֵּשְׁבוּ לֶאֱכָל־לֶחֶם וַיִּשְׂאוּ עֵינֵיהֶם
וַיִּרְאוּ וְהִנֵּה אֹרְחַת יִשְׁמְעֵאלִים בָּאָה מִגִּלְעָד
וּגְמַלֵּיהֶם נֹשְׂאִים נְכֹאת וּצְרִי וָלֹט הוֹלְכִים
26 לְהוֹרִיד מִצְרָיְמָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה אֶל־אֶחָיו מַה־
27 בֶּצַע כִּי נַהֲרֹג אֶת־אָחִינוּ וְכִסִּינוּ אֶת־דָּמוֹ׃ לְכוּ
וְנִמְכְּרֶנּוּ לַיִּשְׁמְעֵאלִים וְיָדֵנוּ אַל־תְּהִי־בוֹ כִּי־
28 אָחִינוּ בְשָׂרֵנוּ הוּא וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶחָיו׃ וַיַּעַבְרוּ אֲנָשִׁים
מִדְיָנִים סֹחֲרִים וַיִּמְשְׁכוּ וַיַּעֲלוּ אֶת־יוֹסֵף מִן־
הַבּוֹר וַיִּמְכְּרוּ אֶת־יוֹסֵף לַיִּשְׁמְעֵאלִים בְּעֶשְׂרִים
29 כָּסֶף וַיָּבִיאוּ אֶת־יוֹסֵף מִצְרָיְמָה׃ וַיָּשָׁב רְאוּבֵן
אֶל־הַבּוֹר וְהִנֵּה אֵין־יוֹסֵף בַּבּוֹר וַיִּקְרַע אֶת־בְּגָדָיו׃

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this man of dreams. 20. And now, come and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him; and we will see what will become of his dreams. 21. And when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not put him to death. 22. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hands upon him;—that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him again to his father.* 23. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, the coat of many colours that was on him; 24. And they took him, and cast him into a pit; and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. 25. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead; and their camels were bearing spicery, and balm, and lotus, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit will it be if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? 27. Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers hearkened to him. 28. And when the Midianitish[a] merchants passed by, they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. 29. And when Reuben returned unto the pit, and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit, he rent his clothes. 30. And he re-

[a] "The term Ishmaelites in this and verse 25, appears to have been the collective names of all the בני קדם 'the eastern nations;' as the Turks now call all Europeans, 'Franks.'"—Arnheim. The Midianitish merchants are accordingly the same Ishmaelites spoken of at first, and this is evidently the correct construction.

30 וַיָּ֥שָׁב אֶל־אֶחָ֖יו וַיֹּאמַ֑ר הַיֶּ֣לֶד אֵינֶ֔נּוּ וַאֲנִ֖י אָ֥נָה אֲנִי־
31 בָֽא׃ וַיִּקְח֖וּ אֶת־כְּתֹ֣נֶת יוֹסֵ֑ף וַֽיִּשְׁחֲטוּ֙ שְׂעִ֣יר עִזִּ֔ים
32 וַיִּטְבְּל֥וּ אֶת־הַכֻּתֹּ֖נֶת בַּדָּֽם׃ וַֽיְשַׁלְּח֞וּ אֶת־כְּתֹ֣נֶת
הַפַּסִּ֗ים וַיָּבִ֙יאוּ֙ אֶל־אֲבִיהֶ֔ם וַיֹּאמְר֖וּ זֹ֣את מָצָ֑אנוּ
33 הַכֶּר־נָ֗א הַכְּתֹ֧נֶת בִּנְךָ֛ הִ֖וא אִם־לֹֽא׃ וַיַּכִּירָ֤הּ וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙
כְּתֹ֣נֶת בְּנִ֔י חַיָּ֥ה רָעָ֖ה אֲכָלָ֑תְהוּ טָרֹ֥ף טֹרַ֖ף יוֹסֵֽף׃
34 וַיִּקְרַ֤ע יַעֲקֹב֙ שִׂמְלֹתָ֔יו וַיָּ֥שֶׂם שַׂ֖ק בְּמָתְנָ֑יו וַיִּתְאַבֵּ֥ל
35 עַל־בְּנ֖וֹ יָמִ֥ים רַבִּֽים׃ וַיָּקֻמוּ֩ כָל־בָּנָ֨יו וְכָל־בְּנֹתָ֜יו
לְנַחֲמ֗וֹ וַיְמָאֵן֙ לְהִתְנַחֵ֔ם וַיֹּ֕אמֶר כִּֽי־אֵרֵ֧ד אֶל־בְּנִ֛י
36 אָבֵ֖ל שְׁאֹ֑לָה וַיֵּ֥בְךְּ אֹת֖וֹ אָבִֽיו׃ וְהַמְּדָנִ֕ים מָכְר֥וּ
אֹת֖וֹ אֶל־מִצְרָ֑יִם לְפֽוֹטִיפַר֙ סְרִ֣יס פַּרְעֹ֔ה שַׂ֖ר
לח הַטַּבָּחִֽים׃ רביעי פ
1 וַיְהִי֙ בָּעֵ֣ת הַהִ֔וא וַיֵּ֥רֶד יְהוּדָ֖ה מֵאֵ֣ת אֶחָ֑יו וַיֵּ֛ט
2 עַד־אִ֥ישׁ עֲדֻלָּמִ֖י וּשְׁמ֥וֹ חִירָֽה׃ וַיַּרְא־שָׁ֧ם יְהוּדָ֛ה
בַּת־אִ֥ישׁ כְּנַעֲנִ֖י וּשְׁמ֣וֹ שׁ֑וּעַ וַיִּקָּחֶ֖הָ וַיָּבֹ֥א אֵלֶֽיהָ׃
3 4 וַתַּ֖הַר וַתֵּ֣לֶד בֵּ֑ן וַיִּקְרָ֥א אֶת־שְׁמ֖וֹ עֵֽר׃ וַתַּ֥הַר ע֖וֹד
5 וַתֵּ֣לֶד בֵּ֔ן וַתִּקְרָ֥א אֶת־שְׁמ֖וֹ אוֹנָֽן׃ וַתֹּ֤סֶף עוֹד֙ וַתֵּ֣לֶד
בֵּ֔ן וַתִּקְרָ֥א אֶת־שְׁמ֖וֹ שֵׁלָ֑ה וְהָיָ֥ה בִכְזִ֖יב בְּלִדְתָּ֥הּ
6 אֹתֽוֹ׃ וַיִּקַּ֧ח יְהוּדָ֛ה אִשָּׁ֖ה לְעֵ֣ר בְּכוֹר֑וֹ וּשְׁמָ֖הּ תָּמָֽר׃
7 וַיְהִ֗י עֵ֚ר בְּכ֣וֹר יְהוּדָ֔ה רַ֖ע בְּעֵינֵ֣י יְהוָ֑ה וַיְמִתֵ֖הוּ
8 יְהוָֽה׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר יְהוּדָה֙ לְאוֹנָ֔ן בֹּ֛א אֶל־אֵ֥שֶׁת אָחִ֖יךָ

turned unto his brothers, and said, The child is not there; and I, whither shall I go? 31. And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a young goat,[a] and dipped the coat in the blood; 32. And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father, and said, This have we found: acknowledge, we pray thee, whether it be thy son's coat or not. 33. And he recognised it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is surely rent in pieces. 34. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. 35. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I must go down unto my son mourning into the grave; thus his father wept for him. 36. And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard.*

CHAP. XXXVIII. 1. And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and he pitched his tent with a certain Adullamite whose name was Chirah. 2. And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite,[b] whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her. 3. And she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er. 4. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan. 5. And she yet again conceived, and bore a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bore him. 6. And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name was Tamar. 7. And Er, Judah's first-born, was displeasing in the eyes of the Lord; and the Lord slew him. 8. And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and take her, thou being her

[a] Hebrew, "kid of the goats." [b] "Merchant."—Onkelos.

9 וְיַבֵּ֥ם אֹתָ֖הּ וְהָקֵ֥ם זֶ֖רַע לְאָחִֽיךָ׃ וַיֵּ֣דַע אוֹנָ֔ן כִּ֛י לֹּ֥א
ל֖וֹ יִהְיֶ֣ה הַזָּ֑רַע וְהָיָ֞ה אִם־בָּ֨א אֶל־אֵ֤שֶׁת אָחִיו֙
10 וְשִׁחֵ֣ת אַ֔רְצָה לְבִלְתִּ֥י נְתָן־זֶ֖רַע לְאָחִֽיו׃ וַיֵּ֛רַע
11 בְּעֵינֵ֥י יְהוָ֖ה אֲשֶׁ֣ר עָשָׂ֑ה וַיָּ֖מֶת גַּם־אֹתֽוֹ׃ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר
יְהוּדָ֡ה לְתָמָ֣ר כַּלָּתוֹ֩ שְׁבִ֨י אַלְמָנָ֤ה בֵית־אָבִ֙יךָ֙
עַד־יִגְדַּל֙ שֵׁלָ֣ה בְנִ֔י כִּ֣י אָמַ֔ר פֶּן־יָמ֥וּת גַּם־ה֖וּא
12 כְּאֶחָ֑יו וַתֵּ֣לֶךְ תָּמָ֔ר וַתֵּ֖שֶׁב בֵּ֥ית אָבִֽיהָ׃ וַיִּרְבּוּ֙
הַיָּמִ֔ים וַתָּ֖מָת בַּת־שׁ֣וּעַ אֵֽשֶׁת־יְהוּדָ֑ה וַיִּנָּ֣חֶם
יְהוּדָ֗ה וַיַּ֜עַל עַל־גֹּזֲזֵ֤י צֹאנוֹ֙ ה֗וּא וְחִירָ֛ה רֵעֵ֥הוּ
13 הָֽעֲדֻלָּמִ֖י תִּמְנָֽתָה׃ וַיֻּגַּ֥ד לְתָמָ֖ר לֵאמֹ֑ר הִנֵּ֥ה חָמִ֛יךְ
14 עֹלֶ֥ה תִמְנָ֖תָה לָגֹ֥ז צֹאנֽוֹ׃ וַתָּסַר֩ בִּגְדֵ֨י אַלְמְנוּתָ֜הּ
מֵֽעָלֶ֗יהָ וַתְּכַ֤ס בַּצָּעִיף֙ וַתִּתְעַלָּ֔ף וַתֵּ֙שֶׁב֙ בְּפֶ֣תַח
עֵינַ֔יִם אֲשֶׁ֖ר עַל־דֶּ֣רֶךְ תִּמְנָ֑תָה כִּ֤י רָאֲתָה֙ כִּֽי־גָדַ֣ל
15 שֵׁלָ֔ה וְהִ֕וא לֹא־נִתְּנָ֥ה ל֖וֹ לְאִשָּֽׁה׃ וַיִּרְאֶ֣הָ יְהוּדָ֔ה
16 וַיַּחְשְׁבֶ֖הָ לְזוֹנָ֑ה כִּ֥י כִסְּתָ֖ה פָּנֶֽיהָ׃ וַיֵּ֨ט אֵלֶ֜יהָ אֶל־
הַדֶּ֗רֶךְ וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ הָֽבָה־נָּא֙ אָב֣וֹא אֵלַ֔יִךְ כִּ֚י לֹ֣א יָדַ֔ע
כִּ֥י כַלָּת֖וֹ הִ֑וא וַתֹּ֙אמֶר֙ מַה־תִּתֶּן־לִּ֔י כִּ֥י תָב֖וֹא אֵלָֽי׃
17 וַיֹּ֕אמֶר אָנֹכִ֛י אֲשַׁלַּ֥ח גְּדִֽי־עִזִּ֖ים מִן־הַצֹּ֑אן וַתֹּ֕אמֶר
18 אִם־תִּתֵּ֥ן עֵרָב֖וֹן עַ֥ד שָׁלְחֶֽךָ׃ וַיֹּ֗אמֶר מָ֣ה הָעֵרָבוֹן֮
אֲשֶׁ֣ר אֶתֶּן־לָּךְ֒ וַתֹּ֗אמֶר חֹתָֽמְךָ֙ וּפְתִילֶ֔ךָ וּמַטְּךָ֖
אֲשֶׁ֣ר בְּיָדֶ֑ךָ וַיִּתֶּן־לָ֛הּ וַיָּבֹ֥א אֵלֶ֖יהָ וַתַּ֥הַר לֽוֹ׃

brother-in-law,[a] and raise up seed to thy brother. 9. Onan thus knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, so as not to give seed unto his brother. 10. And the thing which he did was displeasing in the eyes of the Lord; wherefore he slew him also. 11. Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown; for he thought, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brothers have done. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. 12. And many days had elapsed when the daughter of Shuah's wife died; and after Judah was comforted, he went up unto his sheep-shearers, he and his friend Chirah the Adullamite to Timnah. 13. And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnah to shear his sheep. 14. And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered herself with a vail, and concealed her face, and sat herself in the open road, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him for wife. 15. And Judah saw her, and thought her to be a harlot; because she had covered her face. 16. And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? 17. And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, If thou wilt give me a pledge, till thou send it. 18. And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy scarf, and thy staff that is in thy hand. And he gave them to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. 19. And she arose, and went away, and

[a] See Deut. xxv. 5, 6.

19 וַתָּקָם וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתָּסַר צְעִיפָהּ מֵעָלֶיהָ וַתִּלְבַּשׁ
20 בִּגְדֵי אַלְמְנוּתָהּ׃ וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוּדָה אֶת־גְּדִי הָעִזִּים
בְּיַד רֵעֵהוּ הָעֲדֻלָּמִי לָקַחַת הָעֵרָבוֹן מִיַּד הָאִשָּׁה
21 וְלֹא מְצָאָהּ׃ וַיִּשְׁאַל אֶת־אַנְשֵׁי מְקֹמָהּ לֵאמֹר אַיֵּה
הַקְּדֵשָׁה הִוא בָעֵינַיִם עַל־הַדָּרֶךְ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא־
22 הָיְתָה בָזֶה קְדֵשָׁה׃ וַיָּשָׁב אֶל־יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא
מְצָאתִיהָ וְגַם אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם אָמְרוּ לֹא־הָיְתָה
23 בָזֶה קְדֵשָׁה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה תִּקַּח־לָהּ פֶּן נִהְיֶה לָבוּז
24 הִנֵּה שָׁלַחְתִּי הַגְּדִי הַזֶּה וְאַתָּה לֹא מְצָאתָהּ׃ וַיְהִי ׀
כְּמִשְׁלֹשׁ חֳדָשִׁים וַיֻּגַּד לִיהוּדָה לֵאמֹר זָנְתָה
תָּמָר כַּלָּתֶךָ וְגַם הִנֵּה הָרָה לִזְנוּנִים וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה
25 הוֹצִיאוּהָ וְתִשָּׂרֵף׃ הִוא מוּצֵאת וְהִיא שָׁלְחָה
אֶל־חָמִיהָ לֵאמֹר לְאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־אֵלֶּה לּוֹ אָנֹכִי הָרָה
וַתֹּאמֶר הַכֶּר־נָא לְמִי הַחֹתֶמֶת וְהַפְּתִילִים וְהַמַּטֶּה
26 הָאֵלֶּה׃ וַיַּכֵּר יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר צָדְקָה מִמֶּנִּי כִּי־עַל־
כֵּן לֹא־נְתַתִּיהָ לְשֵׁלָה בְנִי וְלֹא־יָסַף עוֹד לְדַעְתָּהּ׃
27 28 וַיְהִי בְּעֵת לִדְתָּהּ וְהִנֵּה תְאוֹמִים בְּבִטְנָהּ׃ וַיְהִי
בְלִדְתָּהּ וַיִּתֶּן־יָד וַתִּקַּח הַמְיַלֶּדֶת וַתִּקְשֹׁר עַל־
29 יָדוֹ שָׁנִי לֵאמֹר זֶה יָצָא רִאשֹׁנָה׃ וַיְהִי ׀ כְּמֵשִׁיב יָדוֹ
וְהִנֵּה יָצָא אָחִיו וַתֹּאמֶר מַה־פָּרַצְתָּ עָלֶיךָ פָּרֶץ
30 וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ פָּרֶץ׃ וְאַחַר יָצָא אָחִיו אֲשֶׁר עַל־יָדוֹ

laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 20. And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to take the pledge from the woman's hand; but he found her not. 21. Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was in the open place by the way side? And they said, There has been no harlot in this place. 22. And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place have said, There has been no harlot in this place. 23. And Judah said, Let her keep it, lest we be put to shame; behold, I sent this kid and thou hast not found her. 24. And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by prostitution. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 25. When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Acknowledge, I pray thee, to whom belong these, the signet, the scarf, and staff. 26. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her not again any more. 27. And it came to pass at the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 28. And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 29. And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold his brother came out; and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach is upon thee: therefore his name was called Peretz. 30. And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zerach.

לט 1 הַשָּׁנִי וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ זָרַח׃ ס חמישי וְיוֹסֵף
הוּרַד מִצְרָיְמָה וַיִּקְנֵהוּ פּוֹטִיפַר סְרִיס פַּרְעֹה
שַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים אִישׁ מִצְרִי מִיַּד הַיִּשְׁמְעֵאלִים
2 אֲשֶׁר הוֹרִדֻהוּ שָׁמָּה׃ וַיְהִי יְהוָה אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיְהִי
3 אִישׁ מַצְלִיחַ וַיְהִי בְּבֵית אֲדֹנָיו הַמִּצְרִי׃ וַיַּרְא
אֲדֹנָיו כִּי יְהוָה אִתּוֹ וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר־הוּא עֹשֶׂה יְהוָה
4 מַצְלִיחַ בְּיָדוֹ׃ וַיִּמְצָא יוֹסֵף חֵן בְּעֵינָיו וַיְשָׁרֶת
5 אֹתוֹ וַיַּפְקִדֵהוּ עַל־בֵּיתוֹ וְכָל־יֶשׁ־לוֹ נָתַן בְּיָדוֹ׃ וַיְהִי
מֵאָז הִפְקִיד אֹתוֹ בְּבֵיתוֹ וְעַל כָּל־אֲשֶׁר יֶשׁ־לוֹ
וַיְבָרֶךְ יְהוָה אֶת־בֵּית הַמִּצְרִי בִּגְלַל יוֹסֵף וַיְהִי
בִּרְכַּת יְהוָה בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר יֶשׁ־לוֹ בַּבַּיִת וּבַשָּׂדֶה׃
6 וַיַּעֲזֹב כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ בְּיַד־יוֹסֵף וְלֹא־יָדַע אִתּוֹ
מְאוּמָה כִּי אִם־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר־הוּא אוֹכֵל וַיְהִי
7 יוֹסֵף יְפֵה־תֹאַר וִיפֵה מַרְאֶה׃* וַיְהִי אַחַר הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה וַתִּשָּׂא אֵשֶׁת־אֲדֹנָיו אֶת־עֵינֶיהָ אֶל־יוֹסֵף
8 וַתֹּאמֶר שִׁכְבָה עִמִּי׃ וַיְמָאֵן ׀ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־אֵשֶׁת
אֲדֹנָיו הֵן אֲדֹנִי לֹא־יָדַע אִתִּי מַה־בַּבָּיִת וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר־
9 יֶשׁ־לוֹ נָתַן בְּיָדִי׃ אֵינֶנּוּ גָדוֹל בַּבַּיִת הַזֶּה מִמֶּנִּי
וְלֹא־חָשַׂךְ מִמֶּנִּי מְאוּמָה כִּי אִם־אוֹתָךְ בַּאֲשֶׁר
אַתְּ־אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאֵיךְ אֶעֱשֶׂה הָרָעָה הַגְּדֹלָה הַזֹּאת
10 וְחָטָאתִי לֵאלֹהִים׃ וַיְהִי כְּדַבְּרָהּ אֶל־יוֹסֵף יוֹם ׀ יוֹם

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CHAP. XXXIX. 1. And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, who had brought him down thither. 2. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was thus in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3. And when his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand: 4. Joseph found grace in his eyes, and he served him; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 5. And it came to pass from the time he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for the sake of Joseph; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. 6. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he troubled himself not[a] about aught he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was handsome in form and handsome in appearance.* 7. And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master troubleth himself not about what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; 9. There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great evil, and sin against God?[b] 10. And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, and he hearkened

[a] HEB. "Knew not."

[b] This assertion of Joseph clearly proves with Scripture evidence, that the sons of Noach were prohibited the commission of incest. When therefore the Canaanites became corrupt, and lived in a manner so contrary to the laws of the Bible in this respect, they were justly

וְלֹא־שָׁמַע אֵלֶיהָ לִשְׁכַּב אֶצְלָהּ לִהְיוֹת עִמָּהּ׃
11 וַיְהִי כְּהַיּוֹם הַזֶּה וַיָּבֹא הַבַּיְתָה לַעֲשׂוֹת מְלַאכְתּוֹ
12 וְאֵין אִישׁ מֵאַנְשֵׁי הַבַּיִת שָׁם בַּבָּיִת׃ וַתִּתְפְּשֵׂהוּ
בְּבִגְדוֹ לֵאמֹר שִׁכְבָה עִמִּי וַיַּעֲזֹב בִּגְדוֹ בְּיָדָהּ וַיָּנָס
13 וַיֵּצֵא הַחוּצָה׃ וַיְהִי כִּרְאוֹתָהּ כִּי־עָזַב בִּגְדוֹ בְּיָדָהּ
14 וַיָּנָס הַחוּצָה׃ וַתִּקְרָא לְאַנְשֵׁי בֵיתָהּ וַתֹּאמֶר לָהֶם
לֵאמֹר רְאוּ הֵבִיא לָנוּ אִישׁ עִבְרִי לְצַחֶק בָּנוּ בָּא
15 אֵלַי לִשְׁכַּב עִמִּי וָאֶקְרָא בְּקוֹל גָּדוֹל׃ וַיְהִי כְשָׁמְעוֹ
כִּי־הֲרִימֹתִי קוֹלִי וָאֶקְרָא וַיַּעֲזֹב בִּגְדוֹ אֶצְלִי וַיָּנָס
16 וַיֵּצֵא הַחוּצָה׃ וַתַּנַּח בִּגְדוֹ אֶצְלָהּ עַד־בּוֹא אֲדֹנָיו
17 אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ׃ וַתְּדַבֵּר אֵלָיו כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לֵאמֹר
בָּא אֵלַי הָעֶבֶד הָעִבְרִי אֲשֶׁר־הֵבֵאתָ לָּנוּ לְצַחֶק
18 בִּי׃ וַיְהִי כַּהֲרִימִי קוֹלִי וָאֶקְרָא וַיַּעֲזֹב בִּגְדוֹ אֶצְלִי
19 וַיָּנָס הַחוּצָה׃ וַיְהִי כִשְׁמֹעַ אֲדֹנָיו אֶת־דִּבְרֵי אִשְׁתּוֹ
אֲשֶׁר דִּבְּרָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה עָשָׂה לִי
20 עַבְדֶּךָ וַיִּחַר אַפּוֹ׃ וַיִּקַּח אֲדֹנֵי יוֹסֵף אֹתוֹ וַיִּתְּנֵהוּ
אֶל־בֵּית הַסֹּהַר מְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אֲסוּרֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ
21 אֲסוּרִים וַיְהִי־שָׁם בְּבֵית הַסֹּהַר׃ וַיְהִי יְהוָה אֶת־
יוֹסֵף וַיֵּט אֵלָיו חָסֶד וַיִּתֵּן חִנּוֹ בְּעֵינֵי שַׂר בֵּית־
22 הַסֹּהַר׃ וַיִּתֵּן שַׂר בֵּית־הַסֹּהַר בְּיַד־יוֹסֵף אֵת כָּל־
הָאֲסִירִם אֲשֶׁר בְּבֵית הַסֹּהַר וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עֹשִׂים

* אסירי קרי

not unto her, to lie by her, or be with her; 11. It came to pass one particular day, that he went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. 12. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me; and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and ran out into the street. 13. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14. That she called unto the men of her house, and spoke unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in unto us a Hebrew man to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: 15. And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and ran out into the street. 16. And she laid up his garment by her until his lord came home. 17. And she spoke unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to have his sport with me.[a] 18. And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. 19. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. 20. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were imprisoned: and he was there in the prison. 21. But the LORD was with Joseph, and caused him to find mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison;

doomed to expulsion from the land which they defiled. This view of the subject will also explain the passage in Leviticus xix. 27, 28.

[a] צחק "to laugh," then "to mock," and finally to do acts of mischief and wantonness.

23 שָׁם ה֖וּא הָיָ֥ה עֹשֶֽׂה׃ אֵ֣ין ׀ שַׂ֣ר בֵּית־הַסֹּ֗הַר רֹאֶ֤ה
אֶֽת־כָּל־מְא֨וּמָה֙ בְּיָד֔וֹ בַּאֲשֶׁ֥ר יְהוָ֖ה אִתּ֑וֹ וַֽאֲשֶׁר־
ה֥וּא עֹשֶׂ֖ה יְהוָ֥ה מַצְלִֽיחַ׃ פ שביעי
מ
1 וַיְהִ֗י אַחַר֙ הַדְּבָרִ֣ים הָאֵ֔לֶּה חָֽטְא֛וּ מַשְׁקֵ֥ה מֶֽלֶךְ־
2 מִצְרַ֖יִם וְהָאֹפֶ֑ה לַאֲדֹנֵיהֶ֖ם לְמֶ֥לֶךְ מִצְרָֽיִם׃ וַיִּקְצֹ֣ף
פַּרְעֹ֔ה עַ֖ל שְׁנֵ֣י סָרִיסָ֑יו עַ֚ל שַׂ֣ר הַמַּשְׁקִ֔ים וְעַ֖ל שַׂ֥ר
3 הָאוֹפִֽים׃ וַיִּתֵּ֨ן אֹתָ֜ם בְּמִשְׁמַ֗ר בֵּ֛ית שַׂ֥ר הַטַּבָּחִ֖ים
אֶל־בֵּ֣ית הַסֹּ֑הַר מְק֕וֹם אֲשֶׁ֥ר יוֹסֵ֖ף אָס֥וּר שָֽׁם׃
4 וַ֠יִּפְקֹד שַׂ֣ר הַטַּבָּחִ֧ים אֶת־יוֹסֵ֛ף אִתָּ֖ם וַיְשָׁ֣רֶת
5 אֹתָ֑ם וַיִּהְי֥וּ יָמִ֖ים בְּמִשְׁמָֽר׃ וַיַּֽחַלְמוּ֩ חֲל֨וֹם שְׁנֵיהֶ֜ם
אִ֤ישׁ חֲלֹמוֹ֙ בְּלַ֣יְלָה אֶחָ֔ד אִ֖ישׁ כְּפִתְר֣וֹן חֲלֹמ֑וֹ
הַמַּשְׁקֶ֣ה וְהָאֹפֶ֗ה אֲשֶׁר֙ לְמֶ֣לֶךְ מִצְרַ֔יִם אֲשֶׁ֥ר
6 אֲסוּרִ֖ים בְּבֵ֥ית הַסֹּֽהַר׃ וַיָּבֹ֧א אֲלֵיהֶ֛ם יוֹסֵ֖ף בַּבֹּ֑קֶר
7 וַיַּ֣רְא אֹתָ֔ם וְהִנָּ֖ם זֹעֲפִֽים׃ וַיִּשְׁאַ֞ל אֶת־סְרִיסֵ֣י
פַרְעֹ֗ה אֲשֶׁ֨ר אִתּ֧וֹ בְמִשְׁמַ֛ר בֵּ֥ית אֲדֹנָ֖יו לֵאמֹ֑ר
8 מַדּ֛וּעַ פְּנֵיכֶ֥ם רָעִ֖ים הַיּֽוֹם׃ וַיֹּאמְר֣וּ אֵלָ֗יו חֲל֚וֹם
חָלַ֔מְנוּ וּפֹתֵ֖ר אֵ֣ין אֹת֑וֹ וַיֹּ֨אמֶר אֲלֵהֶ֜ם יוֹסֵ֗ף
9 הֲל֤וֹא לֵֽאלֹהִים֙ פִּתְרֹנִ֔ים סַפְּרוּ־נָ֖א לִֽי׃ וַיְסַפֵּ֧ר שַֽׂר־
הַמַּשְׁקִ֛ים אֶת־חֲלֹמ֖וֹ לְיוֹסֵ֑ף וַיֹּ֣אמֶר ל֔וֹ בַּחֲלוֹמִ֕י
10 וְהִנֵּה־גֶ֖פֶן לְפָנָֽי׃ וּבַגֶּ֖פֶן שְׁלֹשָׁ֣ה שָׂרִיגִ֑ם וְהִ֤וא
כְפֹרַ֨חַת֙ עָלְתָ֣ה נִצָּ֔הּ הִבְשִׁ֥ילוּ אַשְׁכְּלֹתֶ֖יהָ עֲנָבִֽים׃

and whatsoever they did there, was done through him.[a] 23. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand, because the LORD was with him; and that which he did, the LORD made to prosper.

CHAP. XL. 1. And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and the baker committed an offence against their lord the king of Egypt. 2. And Pharaoh was wroth against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. 3. And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was confined.[b] 4. And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; and they continued a season[c] in ward. 5. And they dreamed a dream both of them, each his dream in one night, each according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison. 6. And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked at them, and, behold, they were sad. 7. And he asked the officers of Pharaoh that were with him in ward in his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to-day? 8. And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is none to interpret it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell it to me, I pray you. 9. And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; 10. And on the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, shot forth its blossoms, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes: 11. And Pharaoh's cup was

[a] HEB. "He was the doer thereof."

[b] From אסר, "to bind, to imprison," not necessarily therefore "bound," as in the English version.

[c] RASHI and MENDELSSOHN, "a year."

11 וְכ֥וֹס פַּרְעֹ֖ה בְּיָדִ֑י וָאֶקַּ֣ח אֶת־הָעֲנָבִ֗ים וָֽאֶשְׂחַ֤ט
אֹתָם֙ אֶל־כּ֣וֹס פַּרְעֹ֔ה וָאֶתֵּ֥ן אֶת־הַכּ֖וֹס עַל־כַּ֥ף
12 פַּרְעֹֽה׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר לוֹ֙ יוֹסֵ֔ף זֶ֖ה פִּתְרֹנ֑וֹ שְׁלֹ֙שֶׁת֙
13 הַשָּׂ֣רִגִ֔ים שְׁלֹ֥שֶׁת יָמִ֖ים הֵֽם׃ בְּע֣וֹד ׀ שְׁלֹ֣שֶׁת יָמִ֗ים
יִשָּׂ֤א פַרְעֹה֙ אֶת־רֹאשֶׁ֔ךָ וַהֲשִֽׁיבְךָ֖ עַל־כַּנֶּ֑ךָ וְנָתַתָּ֤
כוֹס־פַּרְעֹה֙ בְּיָד֔וֹ כַּמִּשְׁפָּט֙ הָֽרִאשׁ֔וֹן אֲשֶׁ֥ר הָיִ֖יתָ
14 מַשְׁקֵֽהוּ׃ כִּ֤י אִם־זְכַרְתַּ֨נִי אִתְּךָ֜ כַּאֲשֶׁר֙ יִ֣יטַב לָ֔ךְ
וְעָשִֽׂיתָ־נָּ֥א עִמָּדִ֖י חָ֑סֶד וְהִזְכַּרְתַּ֙נִי֙ אֶל־פַּרְעֹ֔ה
15 וְהוֹצֵאתַ֖נִי מִן־הַבַּ֥יִת הַזֶּֽה׃ כִּֽי־גֻנֹּ֣ב גֻּנַּ֔בְתִּי מֵאֶ֖רֶץ
הָֽעִבְרִ֑ים וְגַם־פֹּה֙ לֹא־עָשִׂ֣יתִי מְא֔וּמָה כִּֽי־שָׂמ֥וּ
16 אֹתִ֖י בַּבּֽוֹר׃ וַיַּ֥רְא שַׂר־הָאֹפִ֖ים כִּ֣י ט֣וֹב פָּתָ֑ר וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙
אֶל־יוֹסֵ֔ף אַף־אֲנִי֙ בַּחֲלוֹמִ֔י וְהִנֵּ֗ה שְׁלֹשָׁ֛ה סַלֵּ֥י
17 חֹרִ֖י עַל־רֹאשִֽׁי׃ וּבַסַּ֣ל הָעֶלְי֔וֹן מִכֹּ֛ל מַאֲכַ֥ל
פַּרְעֹ֖ה מַעֲשֵׂ֣ה אֹפֶ֑ה וְהָע֗וֹף אֹכֵ֥ל אֹתָ֛ם מִן־הַסַּ֖ל
18 מֵעַ֥ל רֹאשִֽׁי׃ וַיַּ֤עַן יוֹסֵף֙ וַיֹּ֔אמֶר זֶ֖ה פִּתְרֹנ֑וֹ שְׁלֹ֙שֶׁת֙
19 הַסַּלִּ֔ים שְׁלֹ֥שֶׁת יָמִ֖ים הֵֽם׃ בְּע֣וֹד ׀ שְׁלֹ֣שֶׁת יָמִ֗ים
יִשָּׂ֨א פַרְעֹ֤ה אֶת־רֹֽאשְׁךָ֙ מֵעָלֶ֔יךָ וְתָלָ֥ה אוֹתְךָ֖
20 עַל־עֵ֑ץ וְאָכַ֥ל הָע֛וֹף אֶת־בְּשָׂרְךָ֖ מֵעָלֶֽיךָ׃ * וַיְהִ֣י ׀
בַּיּ֣וֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁ֗י י֚וֹם הֻלֶּ֣דֶת אֶת־פַּרְעֹ֔ה וַיַּ֥עַשׂ
מִשְׁתֶּ֖ה לְכָל־עֲבָדָ֑יו וַיִּשָּׂ֞א אֶת־רֹ֣אשׁ ׀ שַׂ֣ר הַמַּשְׁקִ֗ים
21 וְאֶת־רֹ֛אשׁ שַׂ֥ר הָאֹפִ֖ים בְּת֥וֹךְ עֲבָדָֽיו׃ וַיָּ֛שֶׁב אֶת־

* מפטיר

in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them out into Pharaoh's cup, and I placed the cup into Pharaoh's hand. 12. And Joseph said unto him, This is its interpretation: The three branches are three days; 13. Within yet three days will Pharaoh lift up thy head, and restore thee unto thy place; and thou shalt place Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. 14. But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house; 15. For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon. 16. And when the chief baker saw that he had well interpreted, he said unto Joseph, I also saw in my dream, and, behold, I had three baskets with fine bread on my head:[a] 17. And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. 18. And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days; 19. Within yet three days Pharaoh will lift up thy head from off thee, and will hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.* 20. And it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and the head of the chief baker among his servants. 21. And he restored the chief butler

[a] חרי is perhaps an abbreviation for חרים, "nobles, lords," and it is then an ellipsis for לחם חרים, "bread for the lords."—Arnheim. Rashi and others derive חרי from חור "hole," thus, "baskets full of holes." Saadiah takes it as synonymous with חיור the Aramaic for "white," thus, "baskets with white or fine bread," as rendered in our text.

שַׂ֥ר הַמַּשְׁקִ֖ים עַל־מַשְׁקֵ֑הוּ וַיִּתֵּ֥ן הַכּ֖וֹס עַל־כַּ֥ף
22 פַּרְעֹֽה׃ וְאֵ֛ת שַׂ֥ר הָאֹפִ֖ים תָּלָ֑ה כַּאֲשֶׁ֥ר פָּתַ֛ר
23 לָהֶ֖ם יוֹסֵֽף׃ וְלֹֽא־זָכַ֧ר שַׂר־הַמַּשְׁקִ֛ים אֶת־יוֹסֵ֖ף
וַיִּשְׁכָּחֵֽהוּ׃ פ מא
1 וַיְהִ֕י מִקֵּ֖ץ שְׁנָתַ֣יִם יָמִ֑ים וּפַרְעֹ֣ה חֹלֵ֔ם וְהִנֵּ֖ה עֹמֵ֥ד
2 עַל־הַיְאֹֽר׃ וְהִנֵּ֣ה מִן־הַיְאֹ֗ר עֹלֹת֙ שֶׁ֣בַע פָּר֔וֹת יְפ֥וֹת
3 מַרְאֶ֖ה וּבְרִיאֹ֣ת בָּשָׂ֑ר וַתִּרְעֶ֖ינָה בָּאָֽחוּ׃ וְהִנֵּ֞ה
שֶׁ֧בַע פָּר֣וֹת אֲחֵר֗וֹת עֹל֤וֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן֙ מִן־הַיְאֹ֔ר
רָע֥וֹת מַרְאֶ֖ה וְדַקּ֣וֹת בָּשָׂ֑ר וַֽתַּעֲמֹ֛דְנָה אֵ֥צֶל הַפָּר֖וֹת
4 עַל־שְׂפַ֥ת הַיְאֹֽר׃ וַתֹּאכַ֣לְנָה הַפָּר֗וֹת רָע֤וֹת הַמַּרְאֶה֙
וְדַקֹּ֣ת הַבָּשָׂ֔ר אֵ֚ת שֶׁ֣בַע הַפָּר֔וֹת יְפֹ֥ת הַמַּרְאֶ֖ה
5 וְהַבְּרִיאֹ֑ת וַיִּיקַ֖ץ פַּרְעֹֽה׃ וַיִּישָׁ֕ן וַֽיַּחֲלֹ֖ם שֵׁנִ֑ית וְהִנֵּ֣ה ׀
שֶׁ֣בַע שִׁבֳּלִ֗ים עֹל֛וֹת בְּקָנֶ֥ה אֶחָ֖ד בְּרִיא֥וֹת וְטֹבֽוֹת׃
6 וְהִנֵּה֙ שֶׁ֣בַע שִׁבֳּלִ֔ים דַּקּ֖וֹת וּשְׁדוּפֹ֣ת קָדִ֑ים צֹמְח֖וֹת
7 אַחֲרֵיהֶֽן׃ וַתִּבְלַ֙עְנָה֙ הַשִּׁבֳּלִ֣ים הַדַּקּ֔וֹת אֵ֚ת שֶׁ֣בַע
הַשִּׁבֳּלִ֔ים הַבְּרִיא֖וֹת וְהַמְּלֵא֑וֹת וַיִּיקַ֥ץ פַּרְעֹ֖ה וְהִנֵּ֥ה
8 חֲלֽוֹם׃ וַיְהִ֤י בַבֹּ֙קֶר֙ וַתִּפָּ֣עֶם רוּח֔וֹ וַיִּשְׁלַ֛ח וַיִּקְרָ֥א
אֶת־כָּל־חַרְטֻמֵּ֥י מִצְרַ֖יִם וְאֶת־כָּל־חֲכָמֶ֑יהָ וַיְסַפֵּ֨ר
פַּרְעֹ֤ה לָהֶם֙ אֶת־חֲלֹמ֔וֹ וְאֵין־פּוֹתֵ֥ר אוֹתָ֖ם לְפַרְעֹֽה׃
9 וַיְדַבֵּר֙ שַׂ֣ר הַמַּשְׁקִ֔ים אֶת־פַּרְעֹ֖ה לֵאמֹ֑ר אֶת־
10 חֲטָאַ֕י אֲנִ֖י מַזְכִּ֥יר הַיּֽוֹם׃ פַּרְעֹ֖ה קָצַ֣ף עַל־עֲבָדָ֑יו

unto his butlership; and he placed the cup into Pharaoh's hand: 22. But the chief baker he hanged, as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23. Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, and forgot him.

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CHAP. XLI.

1. And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed; and behold he stood by the river. 2. And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, of good appearance and fat in flesh; and they fed in the meadow.[a] 3. And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and lean in flesh; and stood by the other cows upon the brink of the river. 4. And the ill favoured and leanfleshed cows did eat up the seven well favoured and fat cows. And Pharaoh awoke. 5. And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. 6. And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted[b] with the east wind sprung up after them. 7. And the seven thin ears swallowed up the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.[c] 8. And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret the same unto Pharaoh. 9. Then spoke the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day: 10. Pharaoh was wroth with his servants,

[a] "Swamp," Rashi; "among the reeds," Arnheim.

[b] Rashi and Onkelos take שרף as equal to שקף, "to thrash out, to beat frequently;" Arnheim, however, explains it as equal to שזף "to burn" (Song of Sol. i. 6); which would properly give the version "blasted."

[c] "Only on awaking he recognised that he had dreamed, so like reality was his dream."—Arnheim.

וַיִּתֵּן אֹתִי בְּמִשְׁמַר בֵּית שַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים אֹתִי וְאֵת
11 שַׂר הָאֹפִים׃ וַנַּחַלְמָה חֲלוֹם בְּלַיְלָה אֶחָד אֲנִי
12 וָהוּא אִישׁ כְּפִתְרוֹן חֲלֹמוֹ חָלָמְנוּ׃ וְשָׁם אִתָּנוּ נַעַר
עִבְרִי עֶבֶד לְשַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים וַנְּסַפֶּר־לוֹ וַיִּפְתָּר־
13 לָנוּ אֶת־חֲלֹמֹתֵינוּ אִישׁ כַּחֲלֹמוֹ פָּתָר׃ וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר
פָּתַר־לָנוּ כֵּן הָיָה אֹתִי הֵשִׁיב עַל־כַּנִּי וְאֹתוֹ תָלָה׃
14 וַיִּשְׁלַח פַּרְעֹה וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיְרִיצֻהוּ מִן־
הַבּוֹר וַיְגַלַּח וַיְחַלֵּף שִׂמְלֹתָיו וַיָּבֹא אֶל־פַּרְעֹה׃ *
15 וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם חָלַמְתִּי וּפֹתֵר
אֵין אֹתוֹ וַאֲנִי שָׁמַעְתִּי עָלֶיךָ לֵאמֹר תִּשְׁמַע חֲלוֹם
16 לִפְתֹּר אֹתוֹ׃ וַיַּעַן יוֹסֵף אֶת־פַּרְעֹה לֵאמֹר בִּלְעָדָי
17 אֱלֹהִים יַעֲנֶה אֶת־שְׁלוֹם פַּרְעֹה׃ * וַיְדַבֵּר פַּרְעֹה
18 אֶל־יוֹסֵף בַּחֲלֹמִי הִנְנִי עֹמֵד עַל־שְׂפַת הַיְאֹר׃ וְהִנֵּה
מִן־הַיְאֹר עֹלֹת שֶׁבַע פָּרוֹת בְּרִיאוֹת בָּשָׂר וִיפֹת
19 תֹּאַר וַתִּרְעֶינָה בָּאָחוּ׃ וְהִנֵּה שֶׁבַע פָּרוֹת אֲחֵרוֹת
עֹלוֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן דַּלּוֹת וְרָעוֹת תֹּאַר מְאֹד וְרַקּוֹת
בָּשָׂר לֹא־רָאִיתִי כָהֵנָּה בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לָרֹעַ׃
20 וַתֹּאכַלְנָה הַפָּרוֹת הָרַקּוֹת וְהָרָעוֹת אֵת שֶׁבַע
21 הַפָּרוֹת הָרִאשֹׁנוֹת הַבְּרִיאֹת׃ וַתָּבֹאנָה אֶל־
קִרְבֶּנָה וְלֹא נוֹדַע כִּי־בָאוּ אֶל־קִרְבֶּנָה וּמַרְאֵיהֶן
22 רַע כַּאֲשֶׁר בַּתְּחִלָּה וָאִיקָץ׃ וָאֵרֶא בַּחֲלֹמִי וְהִנֵּה ׀

* שני
* שני לספרדים

and put me in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker; 11. And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each according to the interpretation of his dream. 12. And there was with us a Hebrew lad, a servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each according to his dream he did interpret. 13. And it came to pass, just as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto my office, and him he hanged. 14. Then Pharaoh sent and had Joseph called, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his garments, and came in unto Pharaoh.* 15. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. 16. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me; God shall give an answer for the peace of Pharaoh.*[a] 17. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the river: 18. And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, fat in flesh and good in appearance; and they fed in a meadow: 19. And, behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and lean in flesh, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness, 20. And the lean and the ill favoured cows did eat up the first seven fat cows. 21. And when they had eaten them up,[b] it could not be known that they had eaten them; but their appearance was still as bad as at the beginning. And I awoke. 22. And I saw in my dream, and, behold,

[a] "The wisdom is not mine, but God will put an answer in my mouth for the welfare of Pharaoh."—Rashi.

[b] Heb. "Came into their inward part."

שֶׁבַע שִׁבֳּלִים עֹלֹת בְּקָנֶה אֶחָד מְלֵאֹת וְטֹבוֹת׃
23 וְהִנֵּה שֶׁבַע שִׁבֳּלִים צְנֻמוֹת דַּקּוֹת שְׁדֻפוֹת קָדִים
24 צֹמְחוֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶם׃ וַתִּבְלַעְןָ הַשִּׁבֳּלִים הַדַּקֹּת אֵת
שֶׁבַע הַשִּׁבֳּלִים הַטֹּבוֹת וָאֹמַר אֶל־הַחַרְטֻמִּים
25 וְאֵין מַגִּיד לִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־פַּרְעֹה חֲלוֹם פַּרְעֹה
אֶחָד הוּא אֵת אֲשֶׁר הָאֱלֹהִים עֹשֶׂה הִגִּיד לְפַרְעֹה׃
26 שֶׁבַע פָּרֹת הַטֹּבֹת שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים הֵנָּה וְשֶׁבַע
הַשִּׁבֳּלִים הַטֹּבֹת שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים הֵנָּה חֲלוֹם אֶחָד הוּא׃
27 וְשֶׁבַע הַפָּרוֹת הָרַקּוֹת וְהָרָעֹת הָעֹלֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן
שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים הֵנָּה וְשֶׁבַע הַשִּׁבֳּלִים הָרֵקוֹת שְׁדֻפוֹת
28 הַקָּדִים יִהְיוּ שֶׁבַע שְׁנֵי רָעָב׃ הוּא הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר
דִּבַּרְתִּי אֶל־פַּרְעֹה אֲשֶׁר הָאֱלֹהִים עֹשֶׂה הֶרְאָה
29 אֶת־פַּרְעֹה׃ הִנֵּה שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים בָּאוֹת שָׂבָע גָּדוֹל
30 בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם׃ וְקָמוּ שֶׁבַע שְׁנֵי רָעָב אַחֲרֵיהֶן
וְנִשְׁכַּח כָּל־הַשָּׂבָע בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וְכִלָּה הָרָעָב
31 אֶת־הָאָרֶץ׃ וְלֹא־יִוָּדַע הַשָּׂבָע בָּאָרֶץ מִפְּנֵי הָרָעָב
32 הַהוּא אַחֲרֵי־כֵן כִּי־כָבֵד הוּא מְאֹד׃ וְעַל הִשָּׁנוֹת
הַחֲלוֹם אֶל־פַּרְעֹה פַּעֲמָיִם כִּי־נָכוֹן הַדָּבָר מֵעִם
33 הָאֱלֹהִים וּמְמַהֵר הָאֱלֹהִים לַעֲשֹׂתוֹ׃ וְעַתָּה
יֵרֶא פַרְעֹה אִישׁ נָבוֹן וְחָכָם וִישִׁיתֵהוּ עַל־אֶרֶץ
34 מִצְרָיִם׃ יַעֲשֶׂה פַרְעֹה וְיַפְקֵד פְּקִדִים עַל־הָאָרֶץ

seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good; 23. And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. 24. And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me. 25. And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one, that which God is about to do, he hath told to Pharaoh. 26. The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the dream is one. 27. And the seven thin and ill favoured cows that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. 28. This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he hath shown unto Pharaoh. 29. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: 30. And there shall arise seven years of famine after them, when all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; 31. And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. 32. And as respects that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice, it is because the thing is firmly resolved on by God, and God hastens to bring it to pass. 33. Now therefore let Pharaoh[a] look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the

[a] "This is not an advice; for who authorized him to act as counsellor to the king? but it belongs likewise to the interpretation; therefore had God at that time also shown him the seven years of famine, which would not happen till after the expiration of the seven years of plenty, in order to induce Pharaoh to look out an intelligent man to heap up corn for the support of the people; for if God had not now made him acquainted with the famine, he would not have been induced to heap up corn, and all would then have died in the famine."—Dubno.

וְחִמֵּשׁ אֶת־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּשֶׁבַע שְׁנֵי הַשָּׂבָע׃
35 וְיִקְבְּצוּ אֶת־כָּל־אֹכֶל הַשָּׁנִים הַטֹּבֹת הַבָּאֹת
הָאֵלֶּה וְיִצְבְּרוּ־בָר תַּחַת יַד־פַּרְעֹה אֹכֶל בֶּעָרִים
36 וְשָׁמָרוּ׃ וְהָיָה הָאֹכֶל לְפִקָּדוֹן לָאָרֶץ לְשֶׁבַע
שְׁנֵי הָרָעָב אֲשֶׁר תִּהְיֶיןָ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וְלֹא־
37 תִכָּרֵת הָאָרֶץ בָּרָעָב׃ וַיִּיטַב הַדָּבָר בְּעֵינֵי פַרְעֹה
38 וּבְעֵינֵי כָּל־עֲבָדָיו׃ וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־עֲבָדָיו
39 הֲנִמְצָא כָזֶה אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים בּוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף אַחֲרֵי הוֹדִיעַ אֱלֹהִים אוֹתְךָ
40 אֶת־כָּל־זֹאת אֵין־נָבוֹן וְחָכָם כָּמוֹךָ׃ אַתָּה תִּהְיֶה
עַל־בֵּיתִי וְעַל־פִּיךָ יִשַּׁק כָּל־עַמִּי רַק הַכִּסֵּא אֶגְדַּל
41 מִמֶּךָּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף רְאֵה נָתַתִּי אֹתְךָ
42 עַל כָּל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם׃ וַיָּסַר פַּרְעֹה אֶת־טַבַּעְתּוֹ
מֵעַל יָדוֹ וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ עַל־יַד יוֹסֵף וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ
43 בִּגְדֵי־שֵׁשׁ וַיָּשֶׂם רְבִד הַזָּהָב עַל־צַוָּארוֹ׃ וַיַּרְכֵּב
אֹתוֹ בְּמִרְכֶּבֶת הַמִּשְׁנֶה אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וַיִּקְרְאוּ לְפָנָיו
44 אַבְרֵךְ וְנָתוֹן אֹתוֹ עַל כָּל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף אֲנִי פַרְעֹה וּבִלְעָדֶיךָ לֹא־יָרִים
45 אִישׁ אֶת־יָדוֹ וְאֶת־רַגְלוֹ בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם׃ וַיִּקְרָא
פַרְעֹה שֵׁם־יוֹסֵף צָפְנַת פַּעְנֵחַ וַיִּתֶּן־לוֹ אֶת־אָסְנַת
בַּת־פּוֹטִי פֶרַע כֹּהֵן אֹן לְאִשָּׁה וַיֵּצֵא יוֹסֵף עַל־

* שלישי

land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven years of plenty. 35. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, as food in the cities, and keep the same. 36. And that food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. 37. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 38. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is?* 39. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Inasmuch as God hath caused thee to know all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: 40. Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43. And he caused him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bend the knee:[a] and he placed him over all the land of Egypt. 44. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh; but without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. 45. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneach; and he gave him Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On, for wife. And Joseph went out over all the land of

[a] ARNHEIM leaves the Hebrew אברך untranslated; ONKELOS renders it "This is the father of the king;" but MENDELSSOHN after other commentators derives the word from ברך "the knee," and assumes it to be in the infinitive of the Hiphil, with the א instead of ה, which would give us the words "bend the knee."

46 אֶ֥רֶץ מִצְרָֽיִם׃ וְיוֹסֵף֙ בֶּן־שְׁלֹשִׁ֣ים שָׁנָ֔ה בְּעָמְד֕וֹ
לִפְנֵ֖י פַּרְעֹ֣ה מֶֽלֶךְ־מִצְרָ֑יִם וַיֵּצֵ֤א יוֹסֵף֙ מִלִּפְנֵ֣י
47 פַרְעֹ֔ה וַֽיַּעֲבֹ֖ר בְּכָל־אֶ֥רֶץ מִצְרָֽיִם׃ וַתַּ֣עַשׂ הָאָ֔רֶץ
48 בְּשֶׁ֖בַע שְׁנֵ֣י הַשָּׂבָ֑ע לִקְמָצִֽים׃ וַיִּקְבֹּ֞ץ אֶת־כָּל־
אֹ֣כֶל ׀ שֶׁ֣בַע שָׁנִ֗ים אֲשֶׁ֤ר הָיוּ֙ בְּאֶ֣רֶץ מִצְרַ֔יִם וַיִּתֶּן־
אֹ֖כֶל בֶּעָרִ֑ים אֹ֧כֶל שְׂדֵה־הָעִ֛יר אֲשֶׁ֥ר סְבִיבֹתֶ֖יהָ
49 נָתַ֥ן בְּתוֹכָֽהּ׃ וַיִּצְבֹּ֨ר יוֹסֵ֥ף בָּ֛ר כְּח֥וֹל הַיָּ֖ם הַרְבֵּ֣ה
50 מְאֹ֑ד עַ֛ד כִּי־חָדַ֥ל לִסְפֹּ֖ר כִּי־אֵ֥ין מִסְפָּֽר׃ וּלְיוֹסֵ֤ף
יֻלַּד֙ שְׁנֵ֣י בָנִ֔ים בְּטֶ֥רֶם תָּב֖וֹא שְׁנַ֣ת הָרָעָ֑ב אֲשֶׁ֤ר
51 יָֽלְדָה־לּוֹ֙ אָֽסְנַ֔ת בַּת־פּ֥וֹטִי פֶ֖רַע כֹּ֥הֵן אֽוֹן׃ וַיִּקְרָ֥א
יוֹסֵ֛ף אֶת־שֵׁ֥ם הַבְּכ֖וֹר מְנַשֶּׁ֑ה כִּֽי־נַשַּׁ֤נִי אֱלֹהִים֙
52 אֶת־כָּל־עֲמָלִ֔י וְאֵ֖ת כָּל־בֵּ֥ית אָבִֽי׃ וְאֵ֛ת שֵׁ֥ם הַשֵּׁנִ֖י
קָרָ֣א אֶפְרָ֑יִם כִּֽי־הִפְרַ֥נִי אֱלֹהִ֖ים בְּאֶ֥רֶץ עָנְיִֽי׃ *
53 וַתִּכְלֶ֕ינָה שֶׁ֖בַע שְׁנֵ֣י הַשָּׂבָ֑ע אֲשֶׁ֥ר הָיָ֖ה בְּאֶ֥רֶץ
54 מִצְרָֽיִם׃ וַתְּחִלֶּ֜ינָה שֶׁ֣בַע שְׁנֵ֤י הָרָעָב֙ לָב֔וֹא
כַּאֲשֶׁ֖ר אָמַ֣ר יוֹסֵ֑ף וַיְהִ֤י רָעָב֙ בְּכָל־הָ֣אֲרָצ֔וֹת
55 וּבְכָל־אֶ֥רֶץ מִצְרַ֖יִם הָ֥יָה לָֽחֶם׃ וַתִּרְעַב֙ כָּל־אֶ֣רֶץ
מִצְרַ֔יִם וַיִּצְעַ֥ק הָעָ֛ם אֶל־פַּרְעֹ֖ה לַלָּ֑חֶם וַיֹּ֨אמֶר
פַּרְעֹ֤ה לְכָל־מִצְרַ֙יִם֙ לְכ֣וּ אֶל־יוֹסֵ֔ף אֲשֶׁר־יֹאמַ֥ר
56 לָכֶ֖ם תַּעֲשֽׂוּ׃ וְהָרָעָ֣ב הָיָ֔ה עַ֖ל כָּל־פְּנֵ֣י הָאָ֑רֶץ
וַיִּפְתַּ֨ח יוֹסֵ֜ף אֶֽת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁ֤ר בָּהֶם֙ וַיִּשְׁבֹּ֣ר לְמִצְרַ֔יִם

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Egypt. 46. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt; and Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47. And the earth brought forth in the seven years of plenty by handfuls.[a] 48. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49. And Joseph heaped up corn as the sand of the sea, very much; until he left numbering, for it was without number. 50. And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bore unto him. 51. And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Menasseh:[b] For God, (said he,) hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52. And the name of the second he called Ephraim;[c] For God, (said he,) hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.* 53. And the seven years of plenty that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. 54. And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said; and there was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55. And when all the land of Egypt also felt hunger, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56. And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses,[d] wherein corn was, and sold

[a] That is: each grain of corn produced a handful of its kind.

[b] Menasheh, from Nashah; "to forget."

[c] Ephrayim, from Parah; "to be fruitful."

[d] HEB., "All in which was;" the ellipses are supplied, according to ONKELOS, first with "storehouses," and secondly, with "corn."

57 וַיֶּחֱזַק הָרָעָב בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם׃ וְכָל־הָאָרֶץ בָּאוּ
מב מִצְרַיְמָה לִשְׁבֹּר אֶל־יוֹסֵף כִּי־חָזַק הָרָעָב בְּכָל־
1 הָאָרֶץ׃ וַיַּרְא יַעֲקֹב כִּי יֶשׁ־שֶׁבֶר בְּמִצְרָיִם וַיֹּאמֶר
2 יַעֲקֹב לְבָנָיו לָמָּה תִּתְרָאוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה שָׁמַעְתִּי
כִּי יֶשׁ־שֶׁבֶר בְּמִצְרָיִם רְדוּ־שָׁמָּה וְשִׁבְרוּ־לָנוּ
3 מִשָּׁם וְנִחְיֶה וְלֹא נָמוּת׃ וַיֵּרְדוּ אֲחֵי־יוֹסֵף עֲשָׂרָה
4 לִשְׁבֹּר בָּר מִמִּצְרָיִם׃ וְאֶת־בִּנְיָמִין אֲחִי יוֹסֵף לֹא־
שָׁלַח יַעֲקֹב אֶת־אֶחָיו כִּי אָמַר פֶּן־יִקְרָאֶנּוּ אָסוֹן׃
5 וַיָּבֹאוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לִשְׁבֹּר בְּתוֹךְ הַבָּאִים כִּי־הָיָה
6 הָרָעָב בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן׃ וְיוֹסֵף הוּא הַשַּׁלִּיט עַל־
הָאָרֶץ הוּא הַמַּשְׁבִּיר לְכָל־עַם הָאָרֶץ וַיָּבֹאוּ
7 אֲחֵי יוֹסֵף וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲווּ־לוֹ אַפַּיִם אָרְצָה׃ וַיַּרְא יוֹסֵף
אֶת־אֶחָיו וַיַּכִּרֵם וַיִּתְנַכֵּר אֲלֵיהֶם וַיְדַבֵּר אִתָּם
קָשׁוֹת וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם מֵאַיִן בָּאתֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ
8 מֵאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן לִשְׁבָּר־אֹכֶל׃ וַיַּכֵּר יוֹסֵף אֶת־אֶחָיו
9 וְהֵם לֹא הִכִּרֻהוּ׃ וַיִּזְכֹּר יוֹסֵף אֵת הַחֲלֹמוֹת אֲשֶׁר
חָלַם לָהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם מְרַגְּלִים אַתֶּם לִרְאוֹת
10 אֶת־עֶרְוַת הָאָרֶץ בָּאתֶם׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו לֹא אֲדֹנִי
11 וַעֲבָדֶיךָ בָּאוּ לִשְׁבָּר־אֹכֶל׃ כֻּלָּנוּ בְּנֵי אִישׁ־אֶחָד
12 נָחְנוּ כֵּנִים אֲנַחְנוּ לֹא־הָיוּ עֲבָדֶיךָ מְרַגְּלִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
אֲלֵהֶם לֹא כִּי־עֶרְוַת הָאָרֶץ בָּאתֶם לִרְאוֹת׃

unto the Egyptians; for the famine grew strong in the land
of Egypt. 57. And all countries[a] came into Egypt to buy
corn of Joseph; because the famine was sore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII. 1. When Jacob saw that there was corn in
Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye
look at one another? 2. And he said, Behold, I have heard
that there is corn in Egypt; get you down thither, and buy
for us from there, that we may live, and not die. 3. And
ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy corn in Egypt.
4. But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his
brethren; for he said, Lest mischief befall him. 5. And
the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came;
for the famine was in the land of Canaan. 6. And Joseph,
he was the governor over the land, it was he that sold to
all the people of the land; and Joseph's brothers came, and
bowed themselves down before him with their faces to the
earth. 7. And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them,
but made himself strange unto them, and spoke roughly
unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And
they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. 8. And
Joseph knew his brothers, but they knew not him. 9. And
Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed of
them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the naked-
ness of the land are ye come. 10. And they said unto
him, Nay, my lord, thy servants are only come to buy food.
11. We all are sons of one man; we are true men, thy
servants have never been spies. 12. And he said unto them,
Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land are ye come.

[a] This term, which is also used in the preceding verse, and there rendered "all the earth," evidently is an hyperbolical expression, and alludes to the parts of the earth contiguous to Egypt. MENDELSSOHN renders "all the people from the country around;" but ONKELOS translates וכל הארץ with דיירי ארעא "all inhabitants of the earth;" still the sense is the same.

13 וַיֹּאמְרוּ שְׁנֵים עָשָׂר עֲבָדֶיךָ אַחִים ׀ אֲנַחְנוּ בְּנֵי
אִישׁ־אֶחָד בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְהִנֵּה הַקָּטֹן אֶת־אָבִינוּ
14 הַיּוֹם וְהָאֶחָד אֵינֶנּוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף הוּא
15 אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתִּי אֲלֵכֶם לֵאמֹר מְרַגְּלִים אַתֶּם׃ בְּזֹאת
תִּבָּחֵנוּ חֵי פַרְעֹה אִם־תֵּצְאוּ מִזֶּה כִּי אִם־בְּבוֹא
16 אֲחִיכֶם הַקָּטֹן הֵנָּה׃ שִׁלְחוּ מִכֶּם אֶחָד וְיִקַּח אֶת־
אֲחִיכֶם וְאַתֶּם הֵאָסְרוּ וְיִבָּחֲנוּ דִּבְרֵיכֶם הַאֱמֶת
17 אִתְּכֶם וְאִם־לֹא חֵי פַרְעֹה כִּי מְרַגְּלִים אַתֶּם׃ וַיֶּאֱסֹף
18 אֹתָם אֶל־מִשְׁמָר שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם
יוֹסֵף בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי זֹאת עֲשׂוּ וִחְיוּ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים
19 אֲנִי יָרֵא׃* אִם־כֵּנִים אַתֶּם אֲחִיכֶם אֶחָד יֵאָסֵר
בְּבֵית מִשְׁמַרְכֶם וְאַתֶּם לְכוּ הָבִיאוּ שֶׁבֶר רַעֲבוֹן
20 בָּתֵּיכֶם׃ וְאֶת־אֲחִיכֶם הַקָּטֹן תָּבִיאוּ אֵלַי וְיֵאָמְנוּ
21 דִבְרֵיכֶם וְלֹא תָמוּתוּ וַיַּעֲשׂוּ־כֵן׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ
אֶל־אָחִיו אֲבָל אֲשֵׁמִים ׀ אֲנַחְנוּ עַל־אָחִינוּ אֲשֶׁר
רָאִינוּ צָרַת נַפְשׁוֹ בְּהִתְחַנְנוֹ אֵלֵינוּ וְלֹא שָׁמָעְנוּ
22 עַל־כֵּן בָּאָה אֵלֵינוּ הַצָּרָה הַזֹּאת׃ וַיַּעַן רְאוּבֵן
אֹתָם לֵאמֹר הֲלוֹא אָמַרְתִּי אֲלֵיכֶם ׀ לֵאמֹר אַל־
תֶּחֶטְאוּ בַיֶּלֶד וְלֹא שְׁמַעְתֶּם וְגַם־דָּמוֹ הִנֵּה נִדְרָשׁ׃
23 וְהֵם לֹא יָדְעוּ כִּי שֹׁמֵעַ יוֹסֵף כִּי הַמֵּלִיץ בֵּינֹתָם׃
24 וַיִּסֹּב מֵעֲלֵיהֶם וַיֵּבְךְּ וַיָּשָׁב אֲלֵהֶם וַיְדַבֵּר אֲלֵהֶם

* חמישי

13. And they said, We, thy servants, are twelve brothers, sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more. 14. And Joseph said unto them, It is[a] as I have spoken unto you, saying, Ye are spies; 15. Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh, ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. 16. Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether the truth be with you; and if not, by the life of Pharaoh, ye are surely spies. 17. And he put them together into ward three days. 18. And Joseph said unto them on the third day, This do, and live; I fear God.* 19. If ye be true men, let one of your brothers remain confined in the house of your prison; but ye, go, carry home what you have bought for the want of your household. 20. But your youngest brother bring unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. 21. And they said one to another, Truly, we are guilty[b] concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. 22. And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not say unto you, thus, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? and his blood also is now required. 23. And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spoke unto them by an interpreter. 24. And he turned himself away from them, and wept; and

[a] Joseph meant that the contradiction of which they were guilty, proved the truth of his suspicion. First they were ten brothers, and immediately afterwards twelve, and thus he pretended that he could place no confidence in their assertions.

[b] "Truly we suffer punishment for our brother's sake, whose anguish of soul we saw," &c.—Arnheim.

וַיִּקַּ֤ח מֵאִתָּם֙ אֶת־שִׁמְע֔וֹן וַיֶּאֱסֹ֥ר אֹת֖וֹ לְעֵינֵיהֶֽם:
25 וַיְצַ֣ו יוֹסֵ֗ף וַיְמַלְא֣וּ אֶת־כְּלֵיהֶם֮ בָּר֒ וּלְהָשִׁ֤יב
כַּסְפֵּיהֶם֙ אִ֣ישׁ אֶל־שַׂקּ֔וֹ וְלָתֵ֥ת לָהֶ֛ם צֵדָ֖ה לַדָּ֑רֶךְ
26 וַיַּ֥עַשׂ לָהֶ֖ם כֵּֽן: וַיִּשְׂא֥וּ אֶת־שִׁבְרָ֖ם עַל־חֲמֹרֵיהֶ֑ם
27 וַיֵּלְכ֖וּ מִשָּֽׁם: וַיִּפְתַּ֨ח הָאֶחָ֜ד אֶת־שַׂקּ֗וֹ לָתֵ֥ת מִסְפּ֛וֹא
לַחֲמֹר֖וֹ בַּמָּל֑וֹן וַיַּרְא֙ אֶת־כַּסְפּ֔וֹ וְהִנֵּה־ה֖וּא בְּפִ֥י
28 אַמְתַּחְתּֽוֹ: וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֶל־אֶחָיו֙ הוּשַׁ֣ב כַּסְפִּ֔י וְגַ֖ם
הִנֵּ֣ה בְאַמְתַּחְתִּ֑י וַיֵּצֵ֣א לִבָּ֗ם וַיֶּחֶרְד֞וּ אִ֤ישׁ אֶל־
29 אָחִיו֙ לֵאמֹ֔ר מַה־זֹּ֖את עָשָׂ֥ה אֱלֹהִ֖ים לָֽנוּ: וַיָּבֹ֛אוּ
אֶל־יַעֲקֹ֥ב אֲבִיהֶ֖ם אַ֣רְצָה כְּנָ֑עַן וַיַּגִּ֣ידוּ ל֔וֹ אֵ֛ת כָּל־
30 הַקֹּרֹ֥ת אֹתָ֖ם לֵאמֹֽר: דִּ֠בֶּר הָאִ֨ישׁ אֲדֹנֵ֥י הָאָ֛רֶץ
אִתָּ֖נוּ קָשׁ֑וֹת וַיִּתֵּ֣ן אֹתָ֔נוּ כִּֽמְרַגְּלִ֖ים אֶת־הָאָֽרֶץ:
31 וַנֹּ֥אמֶר אֵלָ֖יו כֵּנִ֣ים אֲנָ֑חְנוּ לֹ֥א הָיִ֖ינוּ מְרַגְּלִֽים:
32 שְׁנֵים־עָשָׂ֥ר אֲנַ֛חְנוּ אַחִ֖ים בְּנֵ֣י אָבִ֑ינוּ הָאֶחָ֣ד אֵינֶ֔נּוּ
33 וְהַקָּטֹ֥ן הַיּ֛וֹם אֶת־אָבִ֖ינוּ בְּאֶ֥רֶץ כְּנָֽעַן: וַיֹּ֣אמֶר
אֵלֵ֗ינוּ הָאִישׁ֙ אֲדֹנֵ֣י הָאָ֔רֶץ בְּזֹ֣את אֵדַ֔ע כִּ֥י כֵנִ֖ים
אַתֶּ֑ם אֲחִיכֶ֤ם הָֽאֶחָד֙ הַנִּ֣יחוּ אִתִּ֔י וְאֶת־רַעֲב֥וֹן
34 בָּתֵּיכֶ֖ם קְח֥וּ וָלֵֽכוּ: וְ֠הָבִיאוּ אֶת־אֲחִיכֶ֣ם הַקָּטֹן֮
אֵלַי֒ וְאֵדְעָ֗ה כִּ֣י לֹ֤א מְרַגְּלִים֙ אַתֶּ֔ם כִּ֥י כֵנִ֖ים אַתֶּ֑ם
35 אֶת־אֲחִיכֶם֙ אֶתֵּ֣ן לָכֶ֔ם וְאֶת־הָאָ֖רֶץ תִּסְחָֽרוּ: וַיְהִ֗י
הֵ֚ם מְרִיקִ֣ים שַׂקֵּיהֶ֔ם וְהִנֵּה־אִ֥ישׁ צְרוֹר־כַּסְפּ֖וֹ

returned to them again, and spoke with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. 25. And Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way; and he[a] did unto them thus. 26. And they loaded their asses with their corn, and departed thence. 27. And one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn; when he espied his money, for, behold, it was in the mouth of his sack. 28. And he said unto his brothers, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid,[b] saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us? 29. And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen them; saying, 30. The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us as though we were espying the country. 31. And we said unto him, We are true men; we have never been spies: 32. We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. 33. And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brothers here with me, and the food for the want of your households take ye and be gone: 34. And bring your youngest brother unto me; then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: your brother I will deliver to you, and in the land ye shall be allowed to traffic. 35. And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack:

[a] Probably alluding to the superintendent who is mentioned hereafter.

[b] They no doubt suspected that the restoration of the money was not accidental; hence they thought that it was a new infliction of punishment for their sins.

בְּשַׂקּ֑וֹ וַיִּרְא֞וּ אֶת־צְרֹר֧וֹת כַּסְפֵּיהֶ֛ם הֵ֥מָּה וַאֲבִיהֶ֖ם
36 וַיִּירָֽאוּ׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֲלֵהֶם֙ יַעֲקֹ֣ב אֲבִיהֶ֔ם אֹתִ֖י
שִׁכַּלְתֶּ֑ם יוֹסֵ֤ף אֵינֶ֙נּוּ֙ וְשִׁמְע֣וֹן אֵינֶ֔נּוּ וְאֶת־בִּנְיָמִ֣ן
37 תִּקָּ֔חוּ עָלַ֖י הָי֥וּ כֻלָּֽנָה׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר רְאוּבֵן֙ אֶל־אָבִ֣יו
לֵאמֹ֔ר אֶת־שְׁנֵ֤י בָנַי֙ תָּמִ֔ית אִם־לֹ֥א אֲבִיאֶ֖נּוּ אֵלֶ֑יךָ
38 תְּנָ֤ה אֹתוֹ֙ עַל־יָדִ֔י וַאֲנִ֖י אֲשִׁיבֶ֥נּוּ אֵלֶֽיךָ׃ וַיֹּ֕אמֶר לֹֽא־
יֵרֵ֥ד בְּנִ֖י עִמָּכֶ֑ם כִּֽי־אָחִ֨יו מֵ֜ת וְה֧וּא לְבַדּ֣וֹ נִשְׁאָ֗ר
מג וּקְרָאָ֤הוּ אָסוֹן֙ בַּדֶּ֙רֶךְ֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר תֵּֽלְכוּ־בָ֔הּ וְהוֹרַדְתֶּ֧ם
1 אֶת־שֵׂיבָתִ֛י בְּיָג֖וֹן שְׁאֽוֹלָה׃ וְהָרָעָ֖ב כָּבֵ֥ד בָּאָֽרֶץ׃
2 וַיְהִ֗י כַּאֲשֶׁ֤ר כִּלּוּ֙ לֶאֱכֹ֣ל אֶת־הַשֶּׁ֔בֶר אֲשֶׁ֥ר הֵבִ֖יאוּ
מִמִּצְרָ֑יִם וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם֙ אֲבִיהֶ֔ם שֻׁ֖בוּ שִׁבְרוּ־
3 לָ֥נוּ מְעַט־אֹֽכֶל׃ וַיֹּ֧אמֶר אֵלָ֛יו יְהוּדָ֖ה לֵאמֹ֑ר הָעֵ֣ד
הֵעִד֩ בָּ֨נוּ הָאִ֤ישׁ לֵאמֹר֙ לֹא־תִרְא֣וּ פָנַ֔י בִּלְתִּ֖י
4 אֲחִיכֶ֥ם אִתְּכֶֽם׃ אִם־יֶשְׁךָ֛ מְשַׁלֵּ֥חַ אֶת־אָחִ֖ינוּ אִתָּ֑נוּ
5 נֵֽרְדָ֕ה וְנִשְׁבְּרָ֥ה לְךָ֖ אֹֽכֶל׃ וְאִם־אֵינְךָ֥ מְשַׁלֵּ֖חַ לֹ֣א
נֵרֵ֑ד כִּֽי־הָאִ֞ישׁ אָמַ֤ר אֵלֵ֙ינוּ֙ לֹא־תִרְא֣וּ פָנַ֔י בִּלְתִּ֖י
6 אֲחִיכֶ֥ם אִתְּכֶֽם׃ וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ יִשְׂרָאֵ֔ל לָמָ֥ה הֲרֵעֹתֶ֖ם
7 לִ֑י לְהַגִּ֣יד לָאִ֔ישׁ הַע֥וֹד לָכֶ֖ם אָֽח׃ וַיֹּאמְר֡וּ שָׁא֣וֹל
שָֽׁאַל־הָ֠אִישׁ לָ֣נוּ וּלְמֽוֹלַדְתֵּ֜נוּ לֵאמֹ֗ר הַע֨וֹד
אֲבִיכֶ֥ם חַי֙ הֲיֵ֣שׁ לָכֶ֣ם אָ֔ח וַנַּ֨גֶּד־ל֔וֹ עַל־פִּ֖י הַדְּבָרִ֣ים
הָאֵ֑לֶּה הֲיָד֣וֹעַ נֵדַ֔ע כִּ֣י יֹאמַ֔ר הוֹרִ֖ידוּ אֶת־אֲחִיכֶֽם׃

and when they saw the bundles of money, they and their father, they were afraid. 36. And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is gone, and Simeon is gone, and Benjamin ye will take away; all these things are against me.[a] 37. And Reuben said unto his father, thus, My two sons thou shalt slay, if I bring him not to thee; deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him back to thee. 38. And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: and if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then will ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

CHAP. XLIII. 1. And the famine was sore in the land. 2. And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the provisions which they had brought out of Egypt, that their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3. And Judah said unto him, thus, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 4. If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: 5. But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down; for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 6. And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man that ye had yet another brother? 7. And they said, The man inquired particularly concerning us, and our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we possibly know that he would say, Bring

[a] I alone have to suffer from all these events. Jacob perhaps suspected that his other sons, out of some wicked feeling, had left Joseph and Simeon to perish, and he thus upbraids them with their indifference to his sorrows They might regard little the perilling of the life of two brothers, and endangering that of another; but he could not be callous to the fate of those so dear to him.

8 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה אֶל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אָבִיו שִׁלְחָה הַנַּעַר
אִתִּי וְנָקוּמָה וְנֵלֵכָה וְנִחְיֶה וְלֹא נָמוּת גַּם־אֲנַחְנוּ
9 גַם־אַתָּה גַּם־טַפֵּנוּ׃ אָנֹכִי אֶעֶרְבֶנּוּ מִיָּדִי תְּבַקְשֶׁנּוּ
אִם־לֹא הֲבִיאֹתִיו אֵלֶיךָ וְהִצַּגְתִּיו לְפָנֶיךָ וְחָטָאתִי
10 לְךָ כָּל־הַיָּמִים׃ כִּי לוּלֵא הִתְמַהְמָהְנוּ כִּי־עַתָּה שַׁבְנוּ
11 זֶה פַעֲמָיִם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבִיהֶם אִם־כֵּן ׀
אֵפוֹא זֹאת עֲשׂוּ קְחוּ מִזִּמְרַת הָאָרֶץ בִּכְלֵיכֶם
וְהוֹרִידוּ לָאִישׁ מִנְחָה מְעַט צֳרִי וּמְעַט דְּבַשׁ נְכֹאת
12 וָלֹט בָּטְנִים וּשְׁקֵדִים׃ וְכֶסֶף מִשְׁנֶה קְחוּ בְיֶדְכֶם
וְאֶת־הַכֶּסֶף הַמּוּשָׁב בְּפִי אַמְתְּחֹתֵיכֶם תָּשִׁיבוּ
13 בְיֶדְכֶם אוּלַי מִשְׁגֶּה הוּא׃ וְאֶת־אֲחִיכֶם קָחוּ וְקוּמוּ
14 שׁוּבוּ אֶל־הָאִישׁ׃ וְאֵל שַׁדַּי יִתֵּן לָכֶם רַחֲמִים לִפְנֵי
הָאִישׁ וְשִׁלַּח לָכֶם אֶת־אֲחִיכֶם אַחֵר וְאֶת־בִּנְיָמִין
15 וַאֲנִי כַּאֲשֶׁר שָׁכֹלְתִּי שָׁכָלְתִּי׃ וַיִּקְחוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים אֶת־
הַמִּנְחָה הַזֹּאת וּמִשְׁנֶה־כֶּסֶף לָקְחוּ בְיָדָם וְאֶת־
בִּנְיָמִן וַיָּקֻמוּ וַיֵּרְדוּ מִצְרַיִם וַיַּעַמְדוּ לִפְנֵי יוֹסֵף׃ *
16 וַיַּרְא יוֹסֵף אִתָּם אֶת־בִּנְיָמִין וַיֹּאמֶר לַאֲשֶׁר עַל־
בֵּיתוֹ הָבֵא אֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁים הַבָּיְתָה וּטְבֹחַ טֶבַח וְהָכֵן
17 כִּי אִתִּי יֹאכְלוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים בַּצָּהֳרָיִם׃ וַיַּעַשׂ הָאִישׁ
כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמַר יוֹסֵף וַיָּבֵא הָאִישׁ אֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁים
18 בֵּיתָה יוֹסֵף׃ וַיִּירְאוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים כִּי הוּבְאוּ בֵּית יוֹסֵף

* שש׳

down your brother? 8. And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, as also our little ones. 9. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then shall I have sinned against thee all my days. 10. For if we had not lingered, surely we had now returned the second time. 11. And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best[a] fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and lotus, pistachio nuts and almonds: 12. And twofold money take in your hand; and the money that was put back in the mouth of your sacks, carry back in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight; 13. And your brother take also, and arise, go again unto the man. 14. And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away to you your other brother, and Benjamin. And I, if I am to be bereaved, let me be bereaved.[b] 15. And the men took that present; and twofold money they took in their hand, as also Benjamin; and they rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.* 16. And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for with me shall at noon these men dine. 17. And the man did as Joseph had said; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. 18. And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was put

[a] Heb., זִמְרַת from זָמַר "to sing," or "praise," meaning those things for which the land is praised abroad.

[b] This version is according to Mendelssohn. Onkelos renders the Hebrew words merely by synonymics. Arnheim, however, adds

וַיֹּאמְרוּ עַל־דְּבַר הַכֶּסֶף הַשָּׁב בְּאַמְתְּחֹתֵינוּ בַּתְּחִלָּה
אֲנַחְנוּ מוּבָאִים לְהִתְגֹּלֵל עָלֵינוּ וּלְהִתְנַפֵּל עָלֵינוּ
19 וְלָקַחַת אֹתָנוּ לַעֲבָדִים וְאֶת־חֲמֹרֵינוּ׃ וַיִּגְּשׁוּ אֶל־
הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר עַל־בֵּית יוֹסֵף וַיְדַבְּרוּ אֵלָיו פֶּתַח הַבָּיִת׃
20 וַיֹּאמְרוּ בִּי אֲדֹנִי יָרֹד יָרַדְנוּ בַּתְּחִלָּה לִשְׁבָּר־אֹכֶל׃
21 וַיְהִי כִּי־בָאנוּ אֶל־הַמָּלוֹן וַנִּפְתְּחָה אֶת־אַמְתְּחֹתֵינוּ
וְהִנֵּה כֶסֶף־אִישׁ בְּפִי אַמְתַּחְתּוֹ כַּסְפֵּנוּ בְּמִשְׁקָלוֹ
22 וַנָּשֶׁב אֹתוֹ בְּיָדֵנוּ׃ וְכֶסֶף אַחֵר הוֹרַדְנוּ בְיָדֵנוּ לִשְׁבָּר־
23 אֹכֶל לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מִי־שָׂם כַּסְפֵּנוּ בְּאַמְתְּחֹתֵינוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
שָׁלוֹם לָכֶם אַל־תִּירָאוּ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבִיכֶם
נָתַן לָכֶם מַטְמוֹן בְּאַמְתְּחֹתֵיכֶם כַּסְפְּכֶם בָּא אֵלָי
24 וַיּוֹצֵא אֲלֵהֶם אֶת־שִׁמְעוֹן׃ וַיָּבֵא הָאִישׁ אֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁים
בֵּיתָה יוֹסֵף וַיִּתֶּן־מַיִם וַיִּרְחֲצוּ רַגְלֵיהֶם וַיִּתֵּן מִסְפּוֹא
25 לַחֲמֹרֵיהֶם׃ וַיָּכִינוּ אֶת־הַמִּנְחָה עַד־בּוֹא יוֹסֵף
26 בַּצָּהֳרָיִם כִּי שָׁמְעוּ כִּי־שָׁם יֹאכְלוּ לָחֶם׃ וַיָּבֹא יוֹסֵף
הַבַּיְתָה וַיָּבִיאּוּ לוֹ אֶת־הַמִּנְחָה אֲשֶׁר־בְּיָדָם הַבָּיְתָה
27 וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲווּ־לוֹ אָרְצָה׃ וַיִּשְׁאַל לָהֶם לְשָׁלוֹם וַיֹּאמֶר
הֲשָׁלוֹם אֲבִיכֶם הַזָּקֵן אֲשֶׁר אֲמַרְתֶּם הַעוֹדֶנּוּ חָי׃
28 וַיֹּאמְרוּ שָׁלוֹם לְעַבְדְּךָ לְאָבִינוּ עוֹדֶנּוּ חָי וַיִּקְּדוּ
29 וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֻ׃ וַיִּשָּׂא עֵינָיו וַיַּרְא אֶת־בִּנְיָמִין אָחִיו בֶּן־אִמּוֹ
וַיֹּאמֶר הֲזֶה אֲחִיכֶם הַקָּטֹן אֲשֶׁר אֲמַרְתֶּם אֵלָי

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* א דגושה

back in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, together with our asses. 19. And they came near to the man who was appointed over Joseph's house, and they spoke with him at the door of the house, 20. And said, Pardon, my lord, we came down at the first time to buy food: 21. And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in its full weight; and we have brought it back in our hand. 22. And other money have we brought down in our hand to buy food; we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks. 23. And he said, Peace be to you, fear not; your God, and the God of your father, hath given you a treasure in your sacks; your money hath come to me. And he brought Simeon out unto them. 24. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave provender to their asses. 25. And they made ready the present before Joseph came home at noon; for they had heard that they should eat bread there. 26. And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. 27. And he asked them after their welfare, and said, Is your old father well, of whom ye spoke? is he yet alive? 28. And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and prostrated themselves. 29. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spoke unto me? And he

the words אז and עתה, and says: "I, however, am either way bereaved of my children." Be this as it may, it is an expression of resignation; compare with Esther iv. 16.

30 וַיֹּאמַ֕ר אֱלֹהִ֥ים יָחְנְךָ֖ בְּנִֽי׃ * וַיְמַהֵ֣ר יוֹסֵ֗ף כִּֽי־נִכְמְר֤וּ
רַחֲמָיו֙ אֶל־אָחִ֔יו וַיְבַקֵּ֖שׁ לִבְכּ֑וֹת וַיָּבֹ֥א הַחַ֖דְרָה
31 וַיֵּ֥בְךְּ שָֽׁמָּה׃ וַיִּרְחַ֥ץ פָּנָ֖יו וַיֵּצֵ֑א וַיִּתְאַפַּ֕ק וַיֹּ֖אמֶר
32 שִׂ֥ימוּ לָֽחֶם׃ וַיָּשִׂ֥ימוּ ל֛וֹ לְבַדּ֖וֹ וְלָהֶ֣ם לְבַדָּ֑ם וְלַמִּצְרִ֞ים
הָאֹֽכְלִ֣ים אִתּוֹ֮ לְבַדָּם֒ כִּי֩ לֹ֨א יוּכְל֜וּן הַמִּצְרִ֗ים לֶאֱכֹ֤ל
אֶת־הָֽעִבְרִים֙ לֶ֔חֶם כִּי־תוֹעֵבָ֥ה הִ֖וא לְמִצְרָֽיִם׃
33 וַיֵּשְׁב֣וּ לְפָנָ֔יו הַבְּכֹר֙ כִּבְכֹ֣רָת֔וֹ וְהַצָּעִ֖יר כִּצְעִרָת֑וֹ
34 וַיִּתְמְה֥וּ הָאֲנָשִׁ֖ים אִ֥ישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵֽהוּ׃ וַיִּשָּׂ֨א מַשְׂאֹ֜ת
מֵאֵ֣ת פָּנָיו֮ אֲלֵהֶם֒ וַתֵּ֜רֶב מַשְׂאַ֧ת בִּנְיָמִ֛ן מִמַּשְׂאֹ֥ת מד
1 כֻּלָּ֖ם חָמֵ֣שׁ יָד֑וֹת וַיִּשְׁתּ֥וּ וַיִּשְׁכְּר֖וּ עִמּֽוֹ׃ וַיְצַ֞ו אֶת־אֲשֶׁ֣ר
עַל־בֵּיתוֹ֮ לֵאמֹר֒ מַלֵּ֞א אֶת־אַמְתְּחֹ֤ת הָֽאֲנָשִׁים֙ אֹ֔כֶל
כַּאֲשֶׁ֥ר יוּכְל֖וּן שְׂאֵ֑ת וְשִׂ֥ים כֶּֽסֶף־אִ֖ישׁ בְּפִ֥י אַמְתַּחְתּֽוֹ׃
2 וְאֶת־גְּבִיעִ֞י גְּבִ֣יעַ הַכֶּ֗סֶף תָּשִׂים֙ בְּפִי֙ אַמְתַּ֣חַת
הַקָּטֹ֔ן וְאֵ֖ת כֶּ֣סֶף שִׁבְר֑וֹ וַיַּ֕עַשׂ כִּדְבַ֥ר יוֹסֵ֖ף אֲשֶׁ֥ר
3 דִּבֵּֽר׃ הַבֹּ֖קֶר א֑וֹר וְהָאֲנָשִׁ֣ים שֻׁלְּח֔וּ הֵ֖מָּה וַחֲמֹרֵיהֶֽם׃
4 הֵ֠ם יָֽצְא֣וּ אֶת־הָעִיר֮ לֹ֣א הִרְחִ֒יקוּ֒ וְיוֹסֵ֣ף אָמַ֞ר
לַֽאֲשֶׁ֣ר עַל־בֵּית֗וֹ ק֥וּם רְדֹ֖ף אַחֲרֵ֣י הָאֲנָשִׁ֑ים
וְהִשַּׂגְתָּם֙ וְאָמַרְתָּ֣ אֲלֵהֶ֔ם לָ֛מָּה שִׁלַּמְתֶּ֥ם רָעָ֖ה
5 תַּ֥חַת טוֹבָֽה׃ הֲל֣וֹא זֶ֗ה אֲשֶׁ֨ר יִשְׁתֶּ֤ה אֲדֹנִי֙ בּ֔וֹ וְה֕וּא
6 נַחֵ֥שׁ יְנַחֵ֖שׁ בּ֑וֹ הֲרֵעֹתֶ֖ם אֲשֶׁ֥ר עֲשִׂיתֶֽם׃ וַיַּשִּׂגֵ֑ם
7 וַיְדַבֵּ֣ר אֲלֵהֶ֔ם אֶת־הַדְּבָרִ֖ים הָאֵֽלֶּה׃ וַיֹּאמְר֣וּ

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said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.* 30. And Joseph hastened away, for his affections towards his brother became enkindled, and he sought to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. 31. And he washed his face, and came out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on the bread.[a] 32. And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, who did eat with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. 33. And they sat before him, the first-born according to his prior birth, and the youngest according to his youth;[b] and the men marvelled one at the other. 34. And he sent messes unto them from before him; but Benjamin's mess exceeded the messes of all fivefold. And they drank, and were merry with him.

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1. And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the sacks of the men with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in the mouth of his sack. 2. And my cup, the silver cup, thou shalt put in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and the money of his purchase. And he did according to the word of Joseph which he had spoken. 3. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. 4. They were gone out of the city, not yet far off, when Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou hast overtaken them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye returned evil for good? 5. Is not this out of which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing. 6. And he overtook them, and he spoke unto them these same words. 7. And they

[a] In modern phrase, "Put the dinner on the table."

[b] There can be no doubt of the correctness of the tradition that Joseph ordered them to sit down according to their age. Hence their astonishment. Perhaps, too, he may have pretended to drink with his silver cup.

אֵלָיו לָמָּה יְדַבֵּר אֲדֹנִי כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה חָלִילָה
8 לַעֲבָדֶיךָ מֵעֲשׂוֹת כַּדָּבָר הַזֶּה׃ הֵן כֶּסֶף אֲשֶׁר
מָצָאנוּ בְּפִי אַמְתְּחֹתֵינוּ הֱשִׁיבֹנוּ אֵלֶיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ
9 כְּנָעַן וְאֵיךְ נִגְנֹב מִבֵּית אֲדֹנֶיךָ כֶּסֶף אוֹ זָהָב׃ אֲשֶׁר
יִמָּצֵא אִתּוֹ מֵעֲבָדֶיךָ וָמֵת וְגַם־אֲנַחְנוּ נִהְיֶה לַאדֹנִי
10 לַעֲבָדִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר גַּם־עַתָּה כְדִבְרֵיכֶם כֶּן־הוּא
אֲשֶׁר יִמָּצֵא אִתּוֹ יִהְיֶה־לִּי עָבֶד וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ נְקִיִּם׃
11 וַיְמַהֲרוּ וַיּוֹרִדוּ אִישׁ אֶת־אַמְתַּחְתּוֹ אָרְצָה וַיִּפְתְּחוּ
12 אִישׁ אַמְתַּחְתּוֹ׃ וַיְחַפֵּשׂ בַּגָּדוֹל הֵחֵל וּבַקָּטֹן
13 כִּלָּה וַיִּמָּצֵא הַגָּבִיעַ בְּאַמְתַּחַת בִּנְיָמִן׃ וַיִּקְרְעוּ
14 שִׂמְלֹתָם וַיַּעֲמֹס אִישׁ עַל־חֲמֹרוֹ וַיָּשֻׁבוּ הָעִירָה׃ *
וַיָּבֹא יְהוּדָה וְאֶחָיו בֵּיתָה יוֹסֵף וְהוּא עוֹדֶנּוּ שָׁם
15 וַיִּפְּלוּ לְפָנָיו אָרְצָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם יוֹסֵף מָה־
הַמַּעֲשֶׂה הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר עֲשִׂיתֶם הֲלוֹא יְדַעְתֶּם כִּי־
16 נַחֵשׁ יְנַחֵשׁ אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר כָּמֹנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה מַה־
נֹּאמַר לַאדֹנִי מַה־נְּדַבֵּר וּמַה־נִּצְטַדָּק הָאֱלֹהִים
מָצָא אֶת־עֲוֹן עֲבָדֶיךָ הִנֶּנּוּ עֲבָדִים לַאדֹנִי גַּם־
17 אֲנַחְנוּ גַּם אֲשֶׁר־נִמְצָא הַגָּבִיעַ בְּיָדוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר חָלִילָה
לִּי מֵעֲשׂוֹת זֹאת הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר נִמְצָא הַגָּבִיעַ
בְּיָדוֹ הוּא יִהְיֶה־לִּי עָבֶד וְאַתֶּם עֲלוּ לְשָׁלוֹם אֶל־
18 אֲבִיכֶם׃ ס וַיִּגַּשׁ אֵלָיו יְהוּדָה

* מפטיר

said unto him, Wherefore will my lord speak these words? God forbid that thy servants should do any thing like this. 8. Behold the money, which we found in the mouth of our sacks, we brought back unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? 9. With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, let him die; and we also will be bondmen unto my lord. 10. And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words:[a] he with whom it is found shall be my servant; but ye shall be blameless. 11. And they made haste, and every one of them took down his sack to the ground, and every one opened his sack. 12. And he searched, at the eldest he began, and at the youngest he left off; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13. Then they rent their clothes, and every one loaded his ass, and they returned to the city.* 14. And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was yet there; and they fell before him on the ground. 15. And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? knew ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? 16. And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? What shall we speak? or how shall we justify ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold we are servants unto my lord, both we, as also he with whom the cup was found. 17. And he said, God forbid that I should do so: the man in whose hand the cup was found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, go you up in peace unto your father.

[a] "It is my wish that you prove yourselves as honest now as on the former occasion," is the explanation of Arnheim, after Abarbanel; but Rashi explains: "You are right, so is the law; you are all guilty; if a theft is found with one of ten they are all culpable; but I will not act with you in strict justice, but only make the thief my bondman."

וַיֹּאמֶר בִּי אֲדֹנִי יְדַבֶּר־נָא עַבְדְּךָ דָבָר בְּאָזְנֵי אֲדֹנִי
19 וְאַל־יִחַר אַפְּךָ בְּעַבְדֶּךָ כִּי כָמוֹךָ כְּפַרְעֹה׃ אֲדֹנִי
שָׁאַל אֶת־עֲבָדָיו לֵאמֹר הֲיֵשׁ־לָכֶם אָב אוֹ־אָח׃
20 וַנֹּאמֶר אֶל־אֲדֹנִי יֶשׁ־לָנוּ אָב זָקֵן וְיֶלֶד זְקֻנִים קָטָן
וְאָחִיו מֵת וַיִּוָּתֵר הוּא לְבַדּוֹ לְאִמּוֹ וְאָבִיו אֲהֵבוֹ׃
21 וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־עֲבָדֶיךָ הוֹרִדֻהוּ אֵלָי וְאָשִׂימָה עֵינִי
22 עָלָיו׃ וַנֹּאמֶר אֶל־אֲדֹנִי לֹא־יוּכַל הַנַּעַר לַעֲזֹב אֶת־
23 אָבִיו וְעָזַב אֶת־אָבִיו וָמֵת׃ וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־עֲבָדֶיךָ
אִם־לֹא יֵרֵד אֲחִיכֶם הַקָּטֹן אִתְּכֶם לֹא תֹסִפוּן
24 לִרְאוֹת פָּנָי׃ וַיְהִי כִּי עָלִינוּ אֶל־עַבְדְּךָ אָבִי וַנַּגֶּד־
25 לוֹ אֵת דִּבְרֵי אֲדֹנִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִינוּ שֻׁבוּ שִׁבְרוּ־לָנוּ
26 מְעַט־אֹכֶל׃ וַנֹּאמֶר לֹא נוּכַל לָרֶדֶת אִם־יֵשׁ אָחִינוּ
הַקָּטֹן אִתָּנוּ וְיָרַדְנוּ כִּי־לֹא נוּכַל לִרְאוֹת פְּנֵי הָאִישׁ
27 וְאָחִינוּ הַקָּטֹן אֵינֶנּוּ אִתָּנוּ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר עַבְדְּךָ אָבִי
אֵלֵינוּ אַתֶּם יְדַעְתֶּם כִּי שְׁנַיִם יָלְדָה־לִּי אִשְׁתִּי׃
28 וַיֵּצֵא הָאֶחָד מֵאִתִּי וָאֹמַר אַךְ טָרֹף טֹרָף וְלֹא
29 רְאִיתִיו עַד־הֵנָּה׃ וּלְקַחְתֶּם גַּם־אֶת־זֶה מֵעִם פָּנַי
וְקָרָהוּ אָסוֹן וְהוֹרַדְתֶּם אֶת־שֵׂיבָתִי בְּרָעָה
30 שְׁאֹלָה׃ וְעַתָּה כְּבֹאִי אֶל־עַבְדְּךָ אָבִי וְהַנַּעַר אֵינֶנּוּ
אִתָּנוּ וְנַפְשׁוֹ קְשׁוּרָה בְנַפְשׁוֹ׃* וְהָיָה כִּרְאוֹתוֹ כִּי־
31 אֵין הַנַּעַר וָמֵת וְהוֹרִידוּ עֲבָדֶיךָ אֶת־שֵׂיבַת עַבְדְּךָ

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VAYIGGASH. 18. Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Pardon, my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thy anger burn against thy servant; for thou art even as Pharaoh. 19. My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? 20. And we said unto my lord, We have an old father, and a little[a] child born in his old age; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him. 21. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set my eye upon him. 22. And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father; for if he should leave his father, he would die. 23. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall not see my face any more. 24. And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25. And our father said, Go back, and buy us a little food. 26. And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we cannot see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us. 27. And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bore me two sons; 28. And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him up to this time. 29. And if ye take this one also from me, and mischief befall him, ye will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. 30. And now when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;* 31. It will come to pass, that when he seeth that the lad is not with us, he will die: and thy servants would thus bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our

[a] "Little," or "young," in comparison with his other brothers, all older than he.

32 אָבִינוּ בְּיָגוֹן שְׁאֹלָה׃ כִּי עַבְדְּךָ עָרַב אֶת־הַנַּעַר
מֵעִם אָבִי לֵאמֹר אִם־לֹא אֲבִיאֶנּוּ אֵלֶיךָ וְחָטָאתִי
33 לְאָבִי כָּל־הַיָּמִים׃ וְעַתָּה יֵשֶׁב־נָא עַבְדְּךָ תַּחַת
34 הַנַּעַר עֶבֶד לַאדֹנִי וְהַנַּעַר יַעַל עִם־אֶחָיו׃ כִּי־אֵיךְ
אֶעֱלֶה אֶל־אָבִי וְהַנַּעַר אֵינֶנּוּ אִתִּי פֶּן אֶרְאֶה מה
1 בָרָע אֲשֶׁר יִמְצָא אֶת־אָבִי׃ וְלֹא־יָכֹל יוֹסֵף
לְהִתְאַפֵּק לְכֹל הַנִּצָּבִים עָלָיו וַיִּקְרָא הוֹצִיאוּ
כָל־אִישׁ מֵעָלָי וְלֹא־עָמַד אִישׁ אִתּוֹ בְּהִתְוַדַּע
2 יוֹסֵף אֶל־אֶחָיו׃ וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־קֹלוֹ בִּבְכִי וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ
3 מִצְרַיִם וַיִּשְׁמַע בֵּית פַּרְעֹה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־
אֶחָיו אֲנִי יוֹסֵף הַעוֹד אָבִי חָי וְלֹא־יָכְלוּ אֶחָיו
4 לַעֲנוֹת אֹתוֹ כִּי נִבְהֲלוּ מִפָּנָיו׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־
אֶחָיו גְּשׁוּ־נָא אֵלַי וַיִּגָּשׁוּ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי יוֹסֵף אֲחִיכֶם
5 אֲשֶׁר־מְכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי מִצְרָיְמָה׃ וְעַתָּה ׀ אַל־תֵּעָצְבוּ
וְאַל־יִחַר בְּעֵינֵיכֶם כִּי־מְכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי הֵנָּה כִּי לְמִחְיָה
6 שְׁלָחַנִי אֱלֹהִים לִפְנֵיכֶם׃ כִּי־זֶה שְׁנָתַיִם הָרָעָב
בְּקֶרֶב הָאָרֶץ וְעוֹד חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים אֲשֶׁר אֵין־חָרִישׁ
7 וְקָצִיר׃ וַיִּשְׁלָחֵנִי אֱלֹהִים לִפְנֵיכֶם לָשׂוּם לָכֶם
שְׁאֵרִית בָּאָרֶץ וּלְהַחֲיוֹת לָכֶם לִפְלֵיטָה גְּדֹלָה׃ *
8 וְעַתָּה לֹא־אַתֶּם שְׁלַחְתֶּם אֹתִי הֵנָּה כִּי הָאֱלֹהִים
וַיְשִׂימֵנִי לְאָב לְפַרְעֹה וּלְאָדוֹן לְכָל־בֵּיתוֹ

* שלישי

father with sorrow to the grave. 32. For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I have sinned against my father all my days. 33. Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad as bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brothers. 34. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? I should[a] perhaps be compelled to witness the evil which would come on my father.

CHAP. XLV. 1. Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there remained no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brothers. 2. And he raised his voice in weeping; and the Egyptians heard it, and the house of Pharaoh heard it. 3. And Joseph said unto his brothers, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brothers could not answer him, for they were terrified at his presence. 4. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you; and they came near; and he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. 5. But now be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither; for in order to preserve life did God send me before you. 6. For these two years hath the famine been already in the land; and there are yet five years, in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvesting. 7. And God has thus sent me before you to prepare for you a permanence on the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.* 8. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God; and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler

[a] MENDELSSOHN renders פֶּן as a negative, "I would not be able to look on the distress which would overtake my father." I have translated according to ONKELOS.

9 וּמֹשֵׁל בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם׃ מַהֲרוּ וַעֲלוּ אֶל־אָבִי
וַאֲמַרְתֶּם אֵלָיו כֹּה אָמַר בִּנְךָ יוֹסֵף שָׂמַנִי אֱלֹהִים
לְאָדוֹן לְכָל־מִצְרָיִם רְדָה אֵלַי אַל־תַּעֲמֹד׃
10 וְיָשַׁבְתָּ בְאֶרֶץ־גֹּשֶׁן וְהָיִיתָ קָרוֹב אֵלַי אַתָּה וּבָנֶיךָ
11 וּבְנֵי בָנֶיךָ וְצֹאנְךָ וּבְקָרְךָ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לָךְ׃ וְכִלְכַּלְתִּי
אֹתְךָ שָׁם כִּי־עוֹד חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים רָעָב פֶּן־תִּוָּרֵשׁ
12 אַתָּה וּבֵיתְךָ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לָךְ׃ וְהִנֵּה עֵינֵיכֶם רֹאוֹת
13 וְעֵינֵי אָחִי בִנְיָמִין כִּי־פִי הַמְדַבֵּר אֲלֵיכֶם׃ וְהִגַּדְתֶּם
לְאָבִי אֶת־כָּל־כְּבוֹדִי בְּמִצְרַיִם וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר
14 רְאִיתֶם וּמִהַרְתֶּם וְהוֹרַדְתֶּם אֶת־אָבִי הֵנָּה׃ וַיִּפֹּל
עַל־צַוְּארֵי בִנְיָמִן־אָחִיו וַיֵּבְךְּ וּבִנְיָמִן בָּכָה עַל־
15 צַוָּארָיו׃ וַיְנַשֵּׁק לְכָל־אֶחָיו וַיֵּבְךְּ עֲלֵהֶם וְאַחֲרֵי כֵן
16 דִּבְּרוּ אֶחָיו אִתּוֹ׃ וְהַקֹּל נִשְׁמַע בֵּית פַּרְעֹה לֵאמֹר
בָּאוּ אֲחֵי יוֹסֵף וַיִּיטַב בְּעֵינֵי פַרְעֹה וּבְעֵינֵי עֲבָדָיו׃
17 וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף אֱמֹר אֶל־אַחֶיךָ זֹאת עֲשׂוּ
18 טַעֲנוּ אֶת־בְּעִירְכֶם וּלְכוּ־בֹאוּ אַרְצָה כְּנָעַן׃ וּקְחוּ
אֶת־אֲבִיכֶם וְאֶת־בָּתֵּיכֶם וּבֹאוּ אֵלָי וְאֶתְּנָה לָכֶם
אֶת־טוּב אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וְאִכְלוּ אֶת־חֵלֶב הָאָרֶץ׃ *
19 וְאַתָּה צֻוֵּיתָה זֹאת עֲשׂוּ קְחוּ־לָכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם
עֲגָלוֹת לְטַפְּכֶם וְלִנְשֵׁיכֶם וּנְשָׂאתֶם אֶת־אֲבִיכֶם
20 וּבָאתֶם׃ וְעֵינְכֶם אַל־תָּחֹס עַל־כְּלֵיכֶם כִּי־טוּב כָּל־

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throughout all the land of Egypt. 9. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not. 10. And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that is thine. 11. And I will maintain thee there; for there are yet five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. 12. And, behold, your own eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth[a] that speaketh unto you. 13. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall hasten and bring down my father hither. 14. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15. And he kissed all his brothers, and wept upon them; and after that his brothers spoke with him. 16. And the report thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers are come; and it was pleasing in the eyes of Pharaoh, and the eyes of his servants. 17. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brothers, This do ye; load your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; 18. And take your father and your households, and come unto me; and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.* 19. And thou art commanded, This do ye; take yourselves out of the land of Egypt wagons for your little ones, and for your wives, and take up your father, and come. 20. And do ye feel no concern on account of your household goods; for the best of all the

[a] Before he spoke to them through an interpreter; but now he spoke to them himself in their own Hebrew; and this he justly thought must impress them with the conviction that it was Joseph himself who spoke, and that there was no farther deception practised on them by the capricious ruler of Egypt, as he had shown himself hitherto.

21 אֶ֥רֶץ מִצְרַ֖יִם לָכֶ֥ם הֽוּא׃ וַיַּֽעֲשׂוּ־כֵן֙ בְּנֵ֣י יִשְׂרָאֵ֔ל וַיִּתֵּ֨ן
לָהֶ֥ם יוֹסֵ֛ף עֲגָל֖וֹת עַל־פִּ֣י פַרְעֹ֑ה וַיִּתֵּ֥ן לָהֶ֛ם צֵדָ֖ה
22 לַדָּֽרֶךְ׃ לְכֻלָּ֥ם נָתַ֛ן לָאִ֖ישׁ חֲלִפ֣וֹת שְׂמָלֹ֑ת וּלְבִנְיָמִ֤ן
נָתַן֙ שְׁלֹ֣שׁ מֵא֣וֹת כֶּ֔סֶף וְחָמֵ֖שׁ חֲלִפֹ֥ת שְׂמָלֹֽת׃
23 וּלְאָבִ֞יו שָׁלַ֤ח כְּזֹאת֙ עֲשָׂרָ֣ה חֲמֹרִ֔ים נֹשְׂאִ֖ים מִטּ֣וּב
מִצְרָ֑יִם וְעֶ֨שֶׂר אֲתֹנֹ֜ת נֹ֠שְׂאֹת בָּ֣ר וָלֶ֧חֶם וּמָז֛וֹן
24 לְאָבִ֖יו לַדָּֽרֶךְ׃ וַיְשַׁלַּ֥ח אֶת־אֶחָ֖יו וַיֵּלֵ֑כוּ וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֲלֵהֶ֔ם
25 אַל־תִּרְגְּז֖וּ בַּדָּֽרֶךְ׃ וַֽיַּעֲל֖וּ מִמִּצְרָ֑יִם וַיָּבֹ֙אוּ֙ אֶ֣רֶץ
26 כְּנַ֔עַן אֶל־יַעֲקֹ֖ב אֲבִיהֶֽם׃ וַיַּגִּ֨דוּ ל֜וֹ לֵאמֹ֗ר ע֚וֹד יוֹסֵ֣ף
חַ֔י וְכִֽי־ה֥וּא מֹשֵׁ֖ל בְּכָל־אֶ֣רֶץ מִצְרָ֑יִם וַיָּ֣פָג לִבּ֔וֹ כִּ֥י
27 לֹא־הֶאֱמִ֖ין לָהֶֽם׃ וַיְדַבְּר֣וּ אֵלָ֗יו אֵ֣ת כָּל־דִּבְרֵ֤י
יוֹסֵף֙ אֲשֶׁ֣ר דִּבֶּ֣ר אֲלֵהֶ֔ם וַיַּרְא֙ אֶת־הָ֣עֲגָל֔וֹת אֲשֶׁר־
שָׁלַ֥ח יוֹסֵ֖ף לָשֵׂ֣את אֹת֑וֹ וַתְּחִ֕י ר֖וּחַ יַעֲקֹ֥ב אֲבִיהֶֽם׃ *
28 וַיֹּ֙אמֶר֙ יִשְׂרָאֵ֔ל רַ֖ב עוֹד־יוֹסֵ֣ף בְּנִ֣י חָ֑י אֵֽלְכָ֥ה וְאֶרְאֶ֖נּוּ
מו 1 בְּטֶ֥רֶם אָמֽוּת׃ וַיִּסַּ֤ע יִשְׂרָאֵל֙ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־ל֔וֹ וַיָּבֹ֖א
בְּאֵ֣רָה שָּׁ֑בַע וַיִּזְבַּ֣ח זְבָחִ֔ים לֵאלֹהֵ֖י אָבִ֥יו יִצְחָֽק׃
2 וַיֹּ֨אמֶר אֱלֹהִ֤ים ׀ לְיִשְׂרָאֵל֙ בְּמַרְאֹ֣ת הַלַּ֔יְלָה וַיֹּ֖אמֶר
3 יַעֲקֹ֣ב ׀ יַעֲקֹ֑ב וַיֹּ֖אמֶר הִנֵּֽנִי׃ וַיֹּ֕אמֶר אָנֹכִ֥י הָאֵ֖ל
אֱלֹהֵ֣י אָבִ֑יךָ אַל־תִּירָא֙ מֵרְדָ֣ה מִצְרַ֔יְמָה כִּֽי־לְג֥וֹי
4 גָּד֖וֹל אֲשִֽׂימְךָ֥ שָֽׁם׃ אָנֹכִ֗י אֵרֵ֤ד עִמְּךָ֙ מִצְרַ֔יְמָה
וְאָנֹכִ֖י אַעַלְךָ֣ גַם־עָלֹ֑ה וְיוֹסֵ֕ף יָשִׁ֥ית יָד֖וֹ עַל־עֵינֶֽיךָ׃

* חמישי

land of Egypt is yours. 21. And the children of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. 22. To all of them he gave to each changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. 23. And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the best things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and other food for his father for the journey. 24. So he accompanied[a] his brothers on the way, and they departed: and he said unto them, Do not fall out by the way. 25. And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father. 26. And they told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive; and that he is governor over all the land of Egypt; but Jacob's heart remained cold, for he believed them not. 27. But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him: the spirit of Jacob their father revived.* 28. And Israel said, Enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

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1. And Israel commenced his journey with all that he had, and came to Beër-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. 2. And God spoke unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. 3. And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4. I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thy eyes. 5. And Jacob

[a] שלח in Piel, is generally rendered to dismiss, or to accompany on a part of the journey. The latter meaning is here the more correct, since no doubt Joseph did to them the rights of hospitality, which among the Hebrews requires the host to go part of the way with his guests.

5 וַיָּקָם יַעֲקֹב מִבְּאֵר שָׁבַע וַיִּשְׂאוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־
יַעֲקֹב אֲבִיהֶם וְאֶת־טַפָּם וְאֶת־נְשֵׁיהֶם בָּעֲגָלוֹת
6 אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַח פַּרְעֹה לָשֵׂאת אֹתוֹ׃ וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־
מִקְנֵיהֶם וְאֶת־רְכוּשָׁם אֲשֶׁר רָכְשׁוּ בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן
7 וַיָּבֹאוּ מִצְרָיְמָה יַעֲקֹב וְכָל־זַרְעוֹ אִתּוֹ׃ בָּנָיו וּבְנֵי
בָנָיו אִתּוֹ בְּנֹתָיו וּבְנוֹת בָּנָיו וְכָל־זַרְעוֹ הֵבִיא אִתּוֹ
8 מִצְרָיְמָה׃ ס וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי־
יִשְׂרָאֵל הַבָּאִים מִצְרַיְמָה יַעֲקֹב וּבָנָיו בְּכֹר יַעֲקֹב
9 רְאוּבֵן׃ וּבְנֵי רְאוּבֵן חֲנוֹךְ וּפַלּוּא וְחֶצְרֹן וְכַרְמִי׃
10 וּבְנֵי שִׁמְעוֹן יְמוּאֵל וְיָמִין וְאֹהַד וְיָכִין וְצֹחַר
11 וְשָׁאוּל בֶּן־הַכְּנַעֲנִית׃ וּבְנֵי לֵוִי גֵּרְשׁוֹן קְהָת וּמְרָרִי׃
12 וּבְנֵי יְהוּדָה עֵר וְאוֹנָן וְשֵׁלָה וָפֶרֶץ וָזָרַח וַיָּמָת עֵר
וְאוֹנָן בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן וַיִּהְיוּ בְנֵי־פֶרֶץ חֶצְרֹן וְחָמוּל׃
13 14 וּבְנֵי יִשָּׂשכָר תּוֹלָע וּפֻוָּה וְיוֹב וְשִׁמְרֹן׃ וּבְנֵי זְבֻלוּן
15 סֶרֶד וְאֵלוֹן וְיַחְלְאֵל׃ אֵלֶּה ׀ בְּנֵי לֵאָה אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה
לְיַעֲקֹב בְּפַדַּן אֲרָם וְאֵת דִּינָה בִתּוֹ כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ בָּנָיו
16 וּבְנוֹתָיו שְׁלֹשִׁים וְשָׁלֹשׁ׃ וּבְנֵי גָד צִפְיוֹן וְחַגִּי שׁוּנִי
17 וְאֶצְבֹּן עֵרִי וַאֲרוֹדִי וְאַרְאֵלִי׃ וּבְנֵי אָשֵׁר יִמְנָה
וְיִשְׁוָה וְיִשְׁוִי וּבְרִיעָה וְשֶׂרַח אֲחֹתָם וּבְנֵי בְרִיעָה
18 חֶבֶר וּמַלְכִּיאֵל׃ אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי זִלְפָּה אֲשֶׁר־נָתַן לָבָן
לְלֵאָה בִתּוֹ וַתֵּלֶד אֶת־אֵלֶּה לְיַעֲקֹב שֵׁשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה

rose up from Beër-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6. And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: 7. His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters,[a] and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8. And these are the names of the children of Israel, that came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: the firstborn of Jacob, Reuben. 9. And the sons of Reuben: Chanoch, and Pallu, and Chezron, and Carmi. 10. And the sons of Simeon: Yemuel, and Yamin, and Ohad, and Yachin, and Zochar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. 11. And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kehath, and Merari. 12. And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerach; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan, and the sons of Perez were Chezron and Chamul. 13. And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puvah, and Yob, and Shimron. 14. And the sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon, and Jachleël. 15. These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. 16. And the sons of Gad: Ziphyon, and Chaggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. 17. And the sons of Asher: Yimnah, and Yishvah, and Yishvi, and Beriah, and Serach their sister; and the sons of Beriah: Cheber, and Malkiël. 18. These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and she bore these unto Jacob, sixteen

[a] "His daughters" can refer only to Dinah, for he had no other daughter; the plural is used, as in the case of "the sons of Dan, Chushim" (v. 23), to express the idea that, where others have several daughters or sons, Jacob had of the first one at least bearing the designation of a female child, as with Dan reference is had to the similar circumstance of his being the father of at least one male offspring.

19 20 נָֽפֶשׁ׃ בְּנֵי רָחֵל אֵשֶׁת יַעֲקֹב יוֹסֵף וּבִנְיָמִן׃ וַיִּוָּלֵד
לְיוֹסֵף בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר יָֽלְדָה־לּוֹ אָֽסְנַת בַּת־
21 פּוֹטִי פֶרַע כֹּהֵן אֹן אֶת־מְנַשֶּׁה וְאֶת־אֶפְרָיִם׃ וּבְנֵי
בִנְיָמִן בֶּלַע וָבֶכֶר וְאַשְׁבֵּל גֵּרָא וְנַעֲמָן אֵחִי וָרֹאשׁ
22 מֻפִּים וְחֻפִּים וָאָרְדְּ׃ אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי רָחֵל אֲשֶׁר יֻלַּד
23 לְיַעֲקֹב כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ אַרְבָּעָה עָשָׂר׃ וּבְנֵי־דָן חֻשִׁים׃
24 25 וּבְנֵי נַפְתָּלִי יַחְצְאֵל וְגוּנִי וְיֵצֶר וְשִׁלֵּם׃ אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי
בִלְהָה אֲשֶׁר־נָתַן לָבָן לְרָחֵל בִּתּוֹ וַתֵּלֶד אֶת־אֵלֶּה
26 לְיַעֲקֹב כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ שִׁבְעָה׃ כָּל־הַנֶּפֶשׁ הַבָּאָה לְיַעֲקֹב
מִצְרַיְמָה יֹצְאֵי יְרֵכוֹ מִלְּבַד נְשֵׁי בְנֵי־יַעֲקֹב כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ
27 שִׁשִּׁים וָשֵׁשׁ׃ וּבְנֵי יוֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר־יֻלַּד־לוֹ בְמִצְרַיִם נֶפֶשׁ
שְׁנָיִם כָּל־הַנֶּפֶשׁ לְבֵית־יַעֲקֹב הַבָּאָה מִצְרַיְמָה
28 שִׁבְעִים׃ ס ששי וְאֶת־יְהוּדָה שָׁלַח לְפָנָיו
אֶל־יוֹסֵף לְהוֹרֹת לְפָנָיו גֹּשְׁנָה וַיָּבֹאוּ אַרְצָה גֹּשֶׁן׃
29 וַיֶּאְסֹר יוֹסֵף מֶרְכַּבְתּוֹ וַיַּעַל לִקְרַאת־יִשְׂרָאֵל אָבִיו
גֹּשְׁנָה וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו וַיִּפֹּל עַל־צַוָּארָיו וַיֵּבְךְּ עַל־צַוָּארָיו
30 עוֹד׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יוֹסֵף אָמוּתָה הַפָּעַם
31 אַחֲרֵי רְאוֹתִי אֶת־פָּנֶיךָ כִּי עוֹדְךָ חָי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף
אֶל־אֶחָיו וְאֶל־בֵּית אָבִיו אֶעֱלֶה וְאַגִּידָה לְפַרְעֹה
וְאֹמְרָה אֵלָיו אַחַי וּבֵית־אָבִי אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ־כְּנַעַן
32 בָּאוּ אֵלָי׃ וְהָאֲנָשִׁים רֹעֵי צֹאן כִּי־אַנְשֵׁי מִקְנֶה הָיוּ

souls. 19. The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph, and Benjamin. 20. And there were born unto Joseph in the land of Egypt Menasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bore unto him. 21. And the sons of Benjamin: Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Ghera, and Naaman, Echi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Chuppim, and Ard. 22. These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: in all fourteen souls. 23. And the son of Dan: Chushim. 24. And the sons of Naphtali: Yachzeël, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. 25. These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bore these unto Jacob: in all seven souls. 26. All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, that came out of his loins, besides the wives of Jacob's sons, were in all sixty and six souls. 27. And the sons of Joseph, who were born him in Egypt, were two souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.*

28. And Judah he sent before him unto Joseph, to direct him[a] unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. 29. And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and when he saw him, he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30. And Israel said unto Joseph, Let me die now, since I have seen thy face, that thou art yet alive. 31. And Joseph said unto his brothers, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brothers and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; 32. And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and their flocks, and their

[a] "To prepare a place for him and to find out where he could settle."—Rashi after Onkelos.

33 וְצֹאנָם וּבְקָרָם וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם הֵבִיאוּ: וְהָיָה כִּי־
34 יִקְרָא לָכֶם פַּרְעֹה וְאָמַר מַה־מַּעֲשֵׂיכֶם: וַאֲמַרְתֶּם
אַנְשֵׁי מִקְנֶה הָיוּ עֲבָדֶיךָ מִנְּעוּרֵינוּ וְעַד־עַתָּה גַּם־
מז אֲנַחְנוּ גַּם־אֲבֹתֵינוּ בַּעֲבוּר תֵּשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן כִּי־
1 תוֹעֲבַת מִצְרַיִם כָּל־רֹעֵה צֹאן: וַיָּבֹא יוֹסֵף וַיַּגֵּד
לְפַרְעֹה וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וְאַחַי וְצֹאנָם וּבְקָרָם וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר
2 לָהֶם בָּאוּ מֵאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְהִנָּם בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן: וּמִקְצֵה
אֶחָיו לָקַח חֲמִשָּׁה אֲנָשִׁים וַיַּצִּגֵם לִפְנֵי פַרְעֹה:
3 וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־אֶחָיו מַה־מַּעֲשֵׂיכֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־
פַּרְעֹה רֹעֵה צֹאן עֲבָדֶיךָ גַּם־אֲנַחְנוּ גַּם־אֲבוֹתֵינוּ:
4 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־פַּרְעֹה לָגוּר בָּאָרֶץ בָּאנוּ כִּי־אֵין מִרְעֶה
לַצֹּאן אֲשֶׁר לַעֲבָדֶיךָ כִּי־כָבֵד הָרָעָב בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן
5 וְעַתָּה יֵשְׁבוּ־נָא עֲבָדֶיךָ בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן: וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה
6 אֶל־יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר אָבִיךָ וְאַחֶיךָ בָּאוּ אֵלֶיךָ: אֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם לְפָנֶיךָ הִוא בְּמֵיטַב הָאָרֶץ הוֹשֵׁב אֶת־
אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אַחֶיךָ יֵשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן וְאִם־יָדַעְתָּ
וְיֶשׁ־בָּם אַנְשֵׁי־חַיִל וְשַׂמְתָּם שָׂרֵי מִקְנֶה עַל־
7 אֲשֶׁר־לִי: וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־יַעֲקֹב אָבִיו וַיַּעֲמִדֵהוּ
8 לִפְנֵי פַרְעֹה וַיְבָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב אֶת־פַּרְעֹה: וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה
9 אֶל־יַעֲקֹב כַּמָּה יְמֵי שְׁנֵי חַיֶּיךָ: וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־
פַּרְעֹה יְמֵי שְׁנֵי מְגוּרַי שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמְאַת שָׁנָה מְעַט

herds, and all that they have, they have brought along. 33. And it shall come to pass, if Pharaoh should call you, and say, What is your occupation? 34. That ye shall say, Owners of cattle have thy servants been from our youth even until now, both we, as also our fathers; in order that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

CHAP. XLVII.

1. Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. 2. And he took some[a] of his brothers, five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. 3. And Pharaoh said unto his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, as also our fathers. 4. They said moreover unto Pharaoh, To sojourn in the land are we come; because there is no pasture for the flocks of thy servants, for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan; and now let, we pray thee, thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen. 5. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, thus, Thy father and thy brothers are come unto thee: 6. The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brothers to dwell; let them dwell in the land of Goshen; and if thou knowest that there are among them men of activity, then make them rulers over my cattle. 7. And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and placed him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8. And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?[b] 9. And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are hundred and thirty years: few and evil

[a] Mendelssohn renders מקצה "of the youngest," and according to Midrash they were Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

[b] Heb. "How many are the days of the years of thy life?"

וְרָעִ֗ים הָיוּ֙ יְמֵי֙ שְׁנֵ֣י חַיַּ֔י וְלֹ֣א הִשִּׂ֗יגוּ אֶת־יְמֵי֙ שְׁנֵ֣י
10 חַיֵּ֣י אֲבֹתַ֔י בִּימֵ֖י מְגוּרֵיהֶֽם׃ וַיְבָ֥רֶךְ יַעֲקֹ֖ב אֶת־פַּרְעֹ֑ה
11 וַיֵּצֵ֖א מִלִּפְנֵ֥י פַרְעֹֽה׃ * וַיּוֹשֵׁ֣ב יוֹסֵף֮ אֶת־אָבִ֣יו וְאֶת־
אֶחָיו֒ וַיִּתֵּ֨ן לָהֶ֤ם אֲחֻזָּה֙ בְּאֶ֣רֶץ מִצְרַ֔יִם בְּמֵיטַ֥ב
12 הָאָ֖רֶץ בְּאֶ֣רֶץ רַעְמְסֵ֑ס כַּאֲשֶׁ֖ר צִוָּ֥ה פַרְעֹֽה׃ וַיְכַלְכֵּ֤ל
יוֹסֵף֙ אֶת־אָבִ֣יו וְאֶת־אֶחָ֔יו וְאֵ֖ת כָּל־בֵּ֣ית אָבִ֑יו לֶ֖חֶם
13 לְפִ֥י הַטָּֽף׃ וְלֶ֤חֶם אֵין֙ בְּכָל־הָאָ֔רֶץ כִּֽי־כָבֵ֥ד הָרָעָ֖ב
מְאֹ֑ד וַתֵּ֨לַהּ אֶ֤רֶץ מִצְרַ֙יִם֙ וְאֶ֣רֶץ כְּנַ֔עַן מִפְּנֵ֖י הָרָעָֽב׃
14 וַיְלַקֵּ֣ט יוֹסֵ֗ף אֶת־כָּל־הַכֶּ֙סֶף֙ הַנִּמְצָ֤א בְאֶֽרֶץ־
מִצְרַ֙יִם֙ וּבְאֶ֣רֶץ כְּנַ֔עַן בַּשֶּׁ֖בֶר אֲשֶׁר־הֵ֣ם שֹׁבְרִ֑ים
15 וַיָּבֵ֥א יוֹסֵ֛ף אֶת־הַכֶּ֖סֶף בֵּ֥יתָה פַרְעֹֽה׃ וַיִּתֹּ֣ם הַכֶּ֗סֶף
מֵאֶ֣רֶץ מִצְרַיִם֮ וּמֵאֶ֣רֶץ כְּנַעַן֒ וַיָּבֹ֨אוּ כָל־מִצְרַ֤יִם
אֶל־יוֹסֵ֙ף לֵאמֹר֙ הָֽבָה־לָּ֣נוּ לֶ֔חֶם וְלָ֥מָּה נָמ֖וּת נֶגְדֶּ֑ךָ
16 כִּ֥י אָפֵ֖ס כָּֽסֶף׃ וַיֹּ֤אמֶר יוֹסֵף֙ הָב֣וּ מִקְנֵיכֶ֔ם וְאֶתְּנָ֥ה
17 לָכֶ֖ם בְּמִקְנֵיכֶ֑ם אִם־אָפֵ֖ס כָּֽסֶף׃ וַיָּבִ֣יאוּ אֶת־
מִקְנֵיהֶם֮ אֶל־יוֹסֵף֒ וַיִּתֵּ֣ן לָהֶם֩ יוֹסֵ֨ף לֶ֜חֶם בַּסּוּסִ֗ים
וּבְמִקְנֵ֥ה הַצֹּ֛אן וּבְמִקְנֵ֥ה הַבָּקָ֖ר וּבַחֲמֹרִ֑ים וַיְנַהֲלֵ֤ם
18 בַּלֶּ֙חֶם֙ בְּכָל־מִקְנֵהֶ֔ם בַּשָּׁנָ֖ה הַהִֽוא׃ וַתִּתֹּם֮ הַשָּׁנָ֣ה
הַהִוא֒ וַיָּבֹ֨אוּ אֵלָ֜יו בַּשָּׁנָ֣ה הַשֵּׁנִ֗ית וַיֹּ֤אמְרוּ לוֹ֙ לֹֽא־
נְכַחֵ֣ד מֵֽאֲדֹנִ֔י כִּ֚י אִם־תַּ֣ם הַכֶּ֔סֶף וּמִקְנֵ֥ה הַבְּהֵמָ֖ה
אֶל־אֲדֹנִ֑י לֹ֤א נִשְׁאַר֙ לִפְנֵ֣י אֲדֹנִ֔י בִּלְתִּ֥י אִם־גְּוִיָּתֵ֖נוּ

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have been the days of the years of my life, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. 10. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.* 11. And Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession[a] in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. 12. And Joseph supplied his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household, with bread, in proportion to their families. 13. And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore; and the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. 14. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. 15. And when the money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread; for why should we die in thy presence, since the money is all gone? 16. And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if the money is gone. 17. And they brought their cattle unto Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks of sheep, and for the herds of cattle, and for the asses; and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year. 18. And when that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him we will not hide it from my lord, how that our money with our herds of cattle hath entirely passed into the possession of my lord; there is not aught left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies,

[a] "They had merely asked permission to remain in Egypt during the famine; but as Pharaoh authorized their settling in Egypt, Joseph purchased them estates, that they might not be as strangers in the land." After RAMBAN.

19 וְאַדְמָתֵנוּ׃ לָמָּה נָמוּת לְעֵינֶיךָ גַּם־אֲנַחְנוּ גַּם־
אַדְמָתֵנוּ קְנֵה־אֹתָנוּ וְאֶת־אַדְמָתֵנוּ בַּלָּחֶם וְנִהְיֶה
אֲנַחְנוּ וְאַדְמָתֵנוּ עֲבָדִים לְפַרְעֹה וְתֶן־זֶרַע וְנִחְיֶה
20 וְלֹא נָמוּת וְהָאֲדָמָה לֹא תֵשָׁם׃ וַיִּקֶן יוֹסֵף אֶת־כָּל־
אַדְמַת מִצְרַיִם לְפַרְעֹה כִּי־מָכְרוּ מִצְרַיִם אִישׁ
שָׂדֵהוּ כִּי־חָזַק עֲלֵהֶם הָרָעָב וַתְּהִי הָאָרֶץ לְפַרְעֹה׃
21 וְאֶת־הָעָם הֶעֱבִיר אֹתוֹ לֶעָרִים מִקְצֵה גְבוּל־
22 מִצְרַיִם וְעַד־קָצֵהוּ׃ רַק אַדְמַת הַכֹּהֲנִים לֹא קָנָה
כִּי חֹק לַכֹּהֲנִים מֵאֵת פַּרְעֹה וְאָכְלוּ אֶת־חֻקָּם אֲשֶׁר
נָתַן לָהֶם פַּרְעֹה עַל־כֵּן לֹא מָכְרוּ אֶת־אַדְמָתָם׃
23 וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־הָעָם הֵן קָנִיתִי אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם
וְאֶת־אַדְמַתְכֶם לְפַרְעֹה הֵא־לָכֶם זֶרַע וּזְרַעְתֶּם
24 אֶת־הָאֲדָמָה׃ וְהָיָה בַּתְּבוּאֹת וּנְתַתֶּם חֲמִישִׁית
לְפַרְעֹה וְאַרְבַּע הַיָּדֹת יִהְיֶה לָכֶם לְזֶרַע הַשָּׂדֶה
וּלְאָכְלְכֶם וְלַאֲשֶׁר בְּבָתֵּיכֶם וְלֶאֱכֹל לְטַפְּכֶם׃
25 וַיֹּאמְרוּ הֶחֱיִתָנוּ נִמְצָא־חֵן בְּעֵינֵי אֲדֹנִי וְהָיִינוּ
26 עֲבָדִים לְפַרְעֹה׃ וַיָּשֶׂם אֹתָהּ יוֹסֵף לְחֹק עַד־הַיּוֹם
הַזֶּה עַל־אַדְמַת מִצְרַיִם לְפַרְעֹה לַחֹמֶשׁ רַק אַדְמַת
27 הַכֹּהֲנִים לְבַדָּם לֹא הָיְתָה לְפַרְעֹה׃ וַיֵּשֶׁב יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן וַיֵּאָחֲזוּ בָהּ וַיִּפְרוּ וַיִּרְבּוּ
28 ויחי מְאֹד׃ * וַיְחִי יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם שְׁבַע עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה

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and our lands. 19. Wherefore shall we die before thy eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread; and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh; and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land be not desolate. 20. And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. 21. And as for the people, he removed them to cities[a] from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof. 22. Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: therefore they did not sell their lands. 23. Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and sow ye the land. 24. And it shall come to pass in the harvest times, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh; and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for those belonging to your households, and for food for your little ones.* 25. And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us but find grace in the eyes of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. 26. And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests alone became not Pharaoh's. 27. And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.*

VAYECHEE.

28. And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: and the days of Jacob the

[a] "Because they had no more property in the land, he removed them to the towns," ARNHEIM after ABARBANEL; and adds: "Von Bohlen explains hence the great number of towns, of which there were, according to Herodotus, two thousand in the Delta."

וַיְהִ֤י יְמֵֽי־יַעֲקֹב֙ שְׁנֵ֣י חַיָּ֔יו שֶׁ֣בַע שָׁנִ֔ים וְאַרְבָּעִ֖ים
29 וּמְאַ֥ת שָׁנָֽה : וַיִּקְרְב֣וּ יְמֵֽי־יִשְׂרָאֵל֮ לָמוּת֒ וַיִּקְרָ֣א ׀
לִבְנ֣וֹ לְיוֹסֵ֗ף וַיֹּ֤אמֶר לוֹ֙ אִם־נָ֨א מָצָ֤אתִי חֵן֙ בְּעֵינֶ֔יךָ
שִֽׂים־נָ֥א יָדְךָ֖ תַּ֣חַת יְרֵכִ֑י וְעָשִׂ֤יתָ עִמָּדִי֙ חֶ֣סֶד וֶֽאֱמֶ֔ת
30 אַל־נָ֥א תִקְבְּרֵ֖נִי בְּמִצְרָֽיִם : וְשָֽׁכַבְתִּי֙ עִם־אֲבֹתַ֔י
וּנְשָׂאתַ֙נִי֙ מִמִּצְרַ֔יִם וּקְבַרְתַּ֖נִי בִּקְבֻרָתָ֑ם וַיֹּאמַ֕ר
31 אָנֹכִ֖י אֶֽעֱשֶׂ֥ה כִדְבָרֶֽךָ : וַיֹּ֗אמֶר הִשָּֽׁבְעָה֙ לִ֔י וַיִּשָּׁבַ֖ע ל֑וֹ
מה וַיִּשְׁתַּ֥חוּ יִשְׂרָאֵ֖ל עַל־רֹ֥אשׁ הַמִּטָּֽה : פ
1 וַיְהִ֗י אַחֲרֵי֙ הַדְּבָרִ֣ים הָאֵ֔לֶּה וַיֹּ֣אמֶר לְיוֹסֵ֔ף הִנֵּ֥ה אָבִ֖יךָ
חֹלֶ֑ה וַיִּקַּ֞ח אֶת־שְׁנֵ֤י בָנָיו֙ עִמּ֔וֹ אֶת־מְנַשֶּׁ֖ה וְאֶת־
2 אֶפְרָֽיִם : וַיַּגֵּ֣ד לְיַעֲקֹ֔ב וַיֹּ֕אמֶר הִנֵּ֛ה בִּנְךָ֥ יוֹסֵ֖ף בָּ֣א אֵלֶ֑יךָ
3 וַיִּתְחַזֵּק֙ יִשְׂרָאֵ֔ל וַיֵּ֖שֶׁב עַל־הַמִּטָּֽה : וַיֹּ֤אמֶר יַעֲקֹב֙ אֶל־
יוֹסֵ֔ף אֵ֥ל שַׁדַּ֛י נִרְאָֽה־אֵלַ֥י בְּל֖וּז בְּאֶ֣רֶץ כְּנָ֑עַן וַיְבָ֖רֶךְ
4 אֹתִֽי : וַיֹּ֣אמֶר אֵלַ֗י הִנְנִ֤י מַפְרְךָ֙ וְהִרְבִּיתִ֔ךָ וּנְתַתִּ֖יךָ
לִקְהַ֣ל עַמִּ֑ים וְנָ֨תַתִּ֜י אֶת־הָאָ֧רֶץ הַזֹּ֛את לְזַרְעֲךָ֥
5 אַחֲרֶ֖יךָ אֲחֻזַּ֥ת עוֹלָֽם : וְעַתָּ֡ה שְׁנֵֽי־בָנֶיךָ֩ הַנּוֹלָדִ֨ים לְךָ֜
בְּאֶ֣רֶץ מִצְרַ֗יִם עַד־בֹּאִ֥י אֵלֶ֛יךָ מִצְרַ֖יְמָה לִי־הֵ֑ם
6 אֶפְרַ֙יִם֙ וּמְנַשֶּׁ֔ה כִּרְאוּבֵ֥ן וְשִׁמְע֖וֹן יִֽהְיוּ־לִֽי : וּמוֹלַדְתְּךָ֛
אֲשֶׁר־הוֹלַ֥דְתָּ אַחֲרֵיהֶ֖ם לְךָ֣ יִהְי֑וּ עַ֣ל שֵׁ֧ם אֲחֵיהֶ֛ם
7 יִקָּרְא֖וּ בְּנַחֲלָתָֽם : וַאֲנִ֣י ׀ בְּבֹאִ֣י מִפַּדָּ֗ן מֵ֩תָה֩ עָלַ֨י רָחֵ֜ל
בְּאֶ֤רֶץ כְּנַ֙עַן֙ בַּדֶּ֔רֶךְ בְּע֥וֹד כִּבְרַת־אֶ֖רֶץ לָבֹ֣א אֶפְרָ֑תָה

years of his life were hundred forty and seven years. . 29. And when the time drew nigh that Israel was to die, he sent for his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy eyes, put I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh;[a] and deal with me in kindness and truth; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt. 30. But when I shall lie with my fathers, thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. 31. And he said, Swear unto me; and he swore unto him, and Israel bowed himself upon the head of the bed.

CHAP. XLVIII. 1. And it came to pass after these things, that some one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took his two sons with him, Menasseh and Ephraim. 2. And some one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph is coming unto thee; and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. 3. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, 4. And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and I will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. 5. And now thy two sons, who were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, shall be mine; Ephraim and Menasseh, as Reuben and Simeon, shall be mine. 6. And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, after the name of their brothers shall they be called in their inheritance. 7. And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan on the way, when yet there was some distance to

[a] "For the purpose of swearing that thou wilt," &c.—Arnheim.

[b] This expression means merely the act of dying, thus, "When I at length shall die."

8 וָאֶקְבְּרֶהָ שָּׁם בְּדֶרֶךְ אֶפְרָת הִוא בֵּית לָחֶם׃ וַיַּרְא
9 יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־בְּנֵי יוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר מִי־אֵלֶּה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף
אֶל־אָבִיו בָּנַי הֵם אֲשֶׁר־נָתַן־לִי אֱלֹהִים בָּזֶה וַיֹּאמַר
10 קָחֶם־נָא אֵלַי וַאֲבָרְכֵם׃* וְעֵינֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כָּבְדוּ מִזֹּקֶן
לֹא יוּכַל לִרְאוֹת וַיַּגֵּשׁ אֹתָם אֵלָיו וַיִּשַּׁק לָהֶם
11 וַיְחַבֵּק לָהֶם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יוֹסֵף רְאֹה פָנֶיךָ
לֹא פִלָּלְתִּי וְהִנֵּה הֶרְאָה אֹתִי אֱלֹהִים גַּם אֶת־זַרְעֶךָ׃
12 וַיּוֹצֵא יוֹסֵף אֹתָם מֵעִם בִּרְכָּיו וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ לְאַפָּיו
13 אָרְצָה׃ וַיִּקַּח יוֹסֵף אֶת־שְׁנֵיהֶם אֶת־אֶפְרַיִם בִּימִינוֹ
מִשְּׂמֹאל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת־מְנַשֶּׁה בִשְׂמֹאלוֹ מִימִין
14 יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּגֵּשׁ אֵלָיו׃ וַיִּשְׁלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־יְמִינוֹ וַיָּשֶׁת
עַל־רֹאשׁ אֶפְרַיִם וְהוּא הַצָּעִיר וְאֶת־שְׂמֹאלוֹ עַל־
רֹאשׁ מְנַשֶּׁה שִׂכֵּל אֶת־יָדָיו כִּי מְנַשֶּׁה הַבְּכוֹר׃
15 וַיְבָרֶךְ אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמַר הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר הִתְהַלְּכוּ
אֲבֹתַי לְפָנָיו אַבְרָהָם וְיִצְחָק הָאֱלֹהִים הָרֹעֶה
16 אֹתִי מֵעוֹדִי עַד־הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה׃ הַמַּלְאָךְ הַגֹּאֵל אֹתִי
מִכָּל־רָע יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־הַנְּעָרִים וְיִקָּרֵא בָהֶם שְׁמִי וְשֵׁם
17 אֲבֹתַי אַבְרָהָם וְיִצְחָק וְיִדְגּוּ לָרֹב בְּקֶרֶב הָאָרֶץ׃* וַיַּרְא
יוֹסֵף כִּי־יָשִׁית אָבִיו יַד־יְמִינוֹ עַל־רֹאשׁ אֶפְרַיִם
וַיֵּרַע בְּעֵינָיו וַיִּתְמֹךְ יַד־אָבִיו לְהָסִיר אֹתָהּ מֵעַל
18 רֹאשׁ־אֶפְרַיִם עַל־רֹאשׁ מְנַשֶּׁה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־

* שני   * שלישי

come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there on the way of Ephrath; the same is Beth-lechem. 8. And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? 9. And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.* 10. Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see;[a] and he brought them near unto him, and he kissed them, and embraced them. 11. And Israel said unto Joseph, To see thy face I had not hoped; and, lo, God hath shown me also thy seed. 12. And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. 13. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left, and Menasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them near unto him. 14. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Menasseh's head, laying his hands wittingly; although Menasseh was the firstborn. 15. And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who fed me from my first being unto this day, 16. The angel[b] who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be called on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.* 17. And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he laid hold of his father's hand, to remove it from the head of Ephraim unto the head of Menasseh. 18. And

[a] This is to say, Israel could perceive dimly the presence of persons, without being able to see distinctly.

[b] Dubno and Sforno think that the words "may he send" should be supplied before "the angel;" meaning, "May God who hath always protected me send his messenger to bless the lads."

אָבִיו לֹא־כֵן אָבִי כִּי־זֶה הַבְּכֹר שִׂים יְמִינְךָ עַל־
19 רֹאשׁוֹ׃ וַיְמָאֵן אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר יָדַעְתִּי בְנִי יָדַעְתִּי גַּם־הוּא
יִהְיֶה־לְּעָם וְגַם־הוּא יִגְדָּל וְאוּלָם אָחִיו הַקָּטֹן יִגְדַּל
20 מִמֶּנּוּ וְזַרְעוֹ יִהְיֶה מְלֹא־הַגּוֹיִם׃ וַיְבָרֲכֵם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא
לֵאמוֹר בְּךָ יְבָרֵךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר יְשִׂמְךָ אֱלֹהִים
כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֶּׁה וַיָּשֶׂם אֶת־אֶפְרַיִם לִפְנֵי מְנַשֶּׁה׃
21 וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יוֹסֵף הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי מֵת וְהָיָה
אֱלֹהִים עִמָּכֶם וְהֵשִׁיב אֶתְכֶם אֶל־אֶרֶץ אֲבֹתֵיכֶם׃
22 וַאֲנִי נָתַתִּי לְךָ שְׁכֶם אַחַד עַל־אַחֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר לָקַחְתִּי
מט מִיַּד הָאֱמֹרִי בְּחַרְבִּי וּבְקַשְׁתִּי׃ פ רביעי
1 וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב אֶל־בָּנָיו וַיֹּאמֶר הֵאָסְפוּ וְאַגִּידָה לָכֶם
2 אֵת אֲשֶׁר־יִקְרָא אֶתְכֶם בְּאַחֲרִית הַיָּמִים׃ הִקָּבְצוּ
וְשִׁמְעוּ בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב וְשִׁמְעוּ אֶל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבִיכֶם׃
3 רְאוּבֵן בְּכֹרִי אַתָּה כֹּחִי וְרֵאשִׁית אוֹנִי יֶתֶר שְׂאֵת
4 וְיֶתֶר עָז׃ פַּחַז כַּמַּיִם אַל־תּוֹתַר כִּי עָלִיתָ מִשְׁכְּבֵי
אָבִיךָ אָז חִלַּלְתָּ יְצוּעִי עָלָה׃ פ
5 6 שִׁמְעוֹן וְלֵוִי אַחִים כְּלֵי חָמָס מְכֵרֹתֵיהֶם׃ בְּסֹדָם
אַל־תָּבֹא נַפְשִׁי בִּקְהָלָם אַל־תֵּחַד כְּבֹדִי כִּי בְאַפָּם
7 הָרְגוּ אִישׁ וּבִרְצֹנָם עִקְּרוּ־שׁוֹר׃ אָרוּר אַפָּם כִּי
עָז וְעֶבְרָתָם כִּי קָשָׁתָה אֲחַלְּקֵם בְּיַעֲקֹב וַאֲפִיצֵם
בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל׃ פ

Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn, put thy right hand upon his head. 19. And his father refused, and said, I know, my son, I know, he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. 20. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and Menasseh: and he set Ephraim before Menasseh. 21. And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die; but God will be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. 22. Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brothers, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

CHAP. XLIX. 1. And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. 2. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father. 3. Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: 4. Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou my couch, which I was wont to ascend.[a]

5. Simeon and Levi are brethren; weapons of violence are their swords. 6. Into their secret shall my soul not come; unto their assembly, my spirit shall not be united; for in their anger they slew the man, and in their self-will they lamed the ox. 7. Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; and their wrath, for it is cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

[a] Arnheim, after Ramban; according to the opinion of these commentators, the third person in the text refers to the speaker, viz., Jacob.

8 יְהוּדָה אַתָּה יוֹדוּךָ אַחֶיךָ יָדְךָ בְּעֹרֶף אֹיְבֶיךָ
9 יִשְׁתַּחֲווּ לְךָ בְּנֵי אָבִיךָ׃ גּוּר אַרְיֵה יְהוּדָה מִטֶּרֶף
בְּנִי עָלִיתָ כָּרַע רָבַץ כְּאַרְיֵה וּכְלָבִיא מִי יְקִימֶנּוּ׃
10 לֹא־יָסוּר שֵׁבֶט מִיהוּדָה וּמְחֹקֵק מִבֵּין רַגְלָיו
11 עַד כִּי־יָבֹא שִׁילֹה וְלוֹ יִקְּהַת עַמִּים׃ אֹסְרִי לַגֶּפֶן
עִירֹה וְלַשֹּׂרֵקָה בְּנִי אֲתֹנוֹ כִּבֵּס בַּיַּיִן לְבֻשׁוֹ
12 וּבְדַם־עֲנָבִים סוּתֹה׃ חַכְלִילִי עֵינַיִם מִיָּיִן וּלְבֶן־
שִׁנַּיִם מֵחָלָב׃ פ
13 זְבוּלֻן לְחוֹף יַמִּים יִשְׁכֹּן וְהוּא לְחוֹף אֳנִיֹּת
וְיַרְכָתוֹ עַל־צִידֹן׃ פ
14 15 יִשָּׂשכָר חֲמֹר גָּרֶם רֹבֵץ בֵּין הַמִּשְׁפְּתָיִם׃ וַיַּרְא מְנֻחָה
כִּי טוֹב וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ כִּי נָעֵמָה וַיֵּט שִׁכְמוֹ לִסְבֹּל וַיְהִי
16 לְמַס־עֹבֵד׃ ס דָּן יָדִין עַמּוֹ כְּאַחַד
17 שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ יְהִי־דָן נָחָשׁ עֲלֵי־דֶרֶךְ שְׁפִיפֹן עֲלֵי־
18 אֹרַח הַנֹּשֵׁךְ עִקְּבֵי־סוּס וַיִּפֹּל רֹכְבוֹ אָחוֹר׃ לִישׁוּעָתְךָ
19 קִוִּיתִי יְהוָה׃ חמישי ס גָּד גְּדוּד יְגוּדֶנּוּ וְהוּא
20 יָגֻד עָקֵב׃ ס מֵאָשֵׁר שְׁמֵנָה לַחְמוֹ
21 וְהוּא יִתֵּן מַעֲדַנֵּי־מֶלֶךְ׃ ס נַפְתָּלִי
22 אַיָּלָה שְׁלֻחָה הַנֹּתֵן אִמְרֵי־שָׁפֶר׃ ס בֵּן
פֹּרָת יוֹסֵף בֵּן פֹּרָת עֲלֵי־עָיִן בָּנוֹת צָעֲדָה עֲלֵי־שׁוּר׃
23 24 וַיְמָרְרֻהוּ וָרֹבּוּ וַיִּשְׂטְמֻהוּ בַּעֲלֵי חִצִּים׃ וַתֵּשֶׁב בְּאֵיתָן

8. Judah, thou art he whom thy brothers shall praise, thy hand shall be in the neck of thy enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. 9. A lion's whelp thou art, Judah, when from the prey, my son, thou risest: he stoopeth down, he croucheth as a lion, and as a lioness, who shall rouse him up? 10. The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet; until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. 11. He binds unto the vine his foal, and to the branch his ass's colt; he washeth his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes; 12. His eyes shall be red from wine, and his teeth white from milk.

13. Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be at the haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

14. Issachar is a strong-boned ass, couching down between the stables. 15. And he saw the resting-place that it was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and he bent his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

16. Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. 17. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder on the path, that biteth the horse in the heels, so that his rider falls backward. 18. I hope for thy salvation, O Lord.*

19. Gad, troops will band against him: but he shall wound their heel.

20. Out of Asher cometh fat bread, and he shall yield royal dainties.

21. Naphtali is a fleet hind: he giveth goodly words.

22. Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well; the branches of which run over the wall. 23. And they embittered his life, and they shot at him, and they hated him, the men of the arrows. 24. But his bow abode in strength,

קַשְׁתּוֹ וַיָּפֹזּוּ זְרֹעֵי יָדָיו מִידֵי אֲבִיר יַעֲקֹב מִשָּׁם
25 רֹעֶה אֶבֶן יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ מֵאֵל אָבִיךָ וְיַעְזְרֶךָּ וְאֵת שַׁדַּי
וִיבָרְכֶךָּ בִּרְכֹת שָׁמַיִם מֵעָל בִּרְכֹת תְּהוֹם רֹבֶצֶת
26 תָּחַת בִּרְכֹת שָׁדַיִם וָרָחַם׃ בִּרְכֹת אָבִיךָ גָּבְרוּ עַל־
בִּרְכֹת הוֹרַי עַד־תַּאֲוַת גִּבְעֹת עוֹלָם תִּהְיֶיןָ לְרֹאשׁ
יוֹסֵף וּלְקָדְקֹד נְזִיר אֶחָיו׃ פ ששי
27 בִּנְיָמִין זְאֵב יִטְרָף בַּבֹּקֶר יֹאכַל עַד וְלָעֶרֶב
28 יְחַלֵּק שָׁלָל׃ כָּל־אֵלֶּה שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁנֵים
עָשָׂר וְזֹאת אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר לָהֶם אֲבִיהֶם וַיְבָרֶךְ
29 אוֹתָם אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר כְּבִרְכָתוֹ בֵּרַךְ אֹתָם׃ וַיְצַו
אוֹתָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם אֲנִי נֶאֱסָף אֶל־עַמִּי קִבְרוּ
אֹתִי אֶל־אֲבֹתָי אֶל־הַמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר בִּשְׂדֵה עֶפְרוֹן
30 הַחִתִּי׃ בַּמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר בִּשְׂדֵה הַמַּכְפֵּלָה אֲשֶׁר־
עַל־פְּנֵי מַמְרֵא בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן אֲשֶׁר קָנָה אַבְרָהָם
אֶת־הַשָּׂדֶה מֵאֵת עֶפְרֹן הַחִתִּי לַאֲחֻזַּת־קָבֶר׃
31 שָׁמָּה קָבְרוּ אֶת־אַבְרָהָם וְאֵת שָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ
שָׁמָּה קָבְרוּ אֶת־יִצְחָק וְאֵת רִבְקָה אִשְׁתּוֹ
32 וְשָׁמָּה קָבַרְתִּי אֶת־לֵאָה׃ מִקְנֵה הַשָּׂדֶה וְהַמְּעָרָה
33 אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ מֵאֵת בְּנֵי־חֵת׃ וַיְכַל יַעֲקֹב לְצַוֹּת אֶת־
בָּנָיו וַיֶּאֱסֹף רַגְלָיו אֶל־הַמִּטָּה וַיִּגְוַע וַיֵּאָסֶף אֶל־
נ 1 עַמָּיו׃ וַיִּפֹּל יוֹסֵף עַל־פְּנֵי אָבִיו וַיֵּבְךְּ עָלָיו וַיִּשַּׁק־לוֹ׃

and his arms and his hands remained firm;[a] from the hands of the mighty God of Jacob, from there thou becamest the shepherd, the stone of Israel. 25. From the God of thy father, who will help thee; and from the Almighty, who will bless thee, with blessings of heaven above, with blessings of the deep that lieth beneath, with blessings of the breasts, and of the womb. 26. The blessings of thy father that have excelled the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: these shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brothers.*

27. Benjamin shall be as a ravenous wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil. 28. All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is what their father spoke unto them, and wherewith he blessed them; every one according to his proper blessing blessed he them. 29. And he charged them and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30. In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which field Abraham bought of Ephron the Hittite, for a possession of a burying-place, 31. (There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah,) 32. Purchasing the field and of the cave that is therein from the children of Heth. 33. And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and departed this life, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAP. L. 1. And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. 2. And Joseph

[a] Mendelssohn understands here "this came to thee from the hands," &c.

2 וַיְצַו יוֹסֵף אֶת־עֲבָדָיו אֶת־הָרֹפְאִים לַחֲנֹט אֶת־
3 אָבִיו וַיַּחַנְטוּ הָרֹפְאִים אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ וַיִּמְלְאוּ־לוֹ
אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם כִּי כֵּן יִמְלְאוּ יְמֵי הַחֲנֻטִים וַיִּבְכּוּ
4 אֹתוֹ מִצְרַיִם שִׁבְעִים יוֹם׃ וַיַּעַבְרוּ יְמֵי בְכִיתוֹ
וַיְדַבֵּר יוֹסֵף אֶל־בֵּית פַּרְעֹה לֵאמֹר אִם־נָא מָצָאתִי
5 חֵן בְּעֵינֵיכֶם דַּבְּרוּ־נָא בְּאָזְנֵי פַרְעֹה לֵאמֹר׃ אָבִי
הִשְׁבִּיעַנִי לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי מֵת בְּקִבְרִי אֲשֶׁר
כָּרִיתִי לִי בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן שָׁמָּה תִּקְבְּרֵנִי וְעַתָּה
6 אֶעֱלֶה־נָּא וְאֶקְבְּרָה אֶת־אָבִי וְאָשׁוּבָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
פַּרְעֹה עֲלֵה וּקְבֹר אֶת־אָבִיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר הִשְׁבִּיעֶךָ׃
7 וַיַּעַל יוֹסֵף לִקְבֹּר אֶת־אָבִיו וַיַּעֲלוּ אִתּוֹ כָּל־עַבְדֵי
8 פַרְעֹה זִקְנֵי בֵיתוֹ וְכֹל זִקְנֵי אֶרֶץ־מִצְרָיִם׃ וְכֹל
בֵּית יוֹסֵף וְאֶחָיו וּבֵית אָבִיו רַק טַפָּם וְצֹאנָם
9 וּבְקָרָם עָזְבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן׃ וַיַּעַל עִמּוֹ גַּם־רֶכֶב גַּם־
10 פָּרָשִׁים וַיְהִי הַמַּחֲנֶה כָּבֵד מְאֹד׃ וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד־גֹּרֶן
הָאָטָד אֲשֶׁר בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן וַיִּסְפְּדוּ־שָׁם מִסְפֵּד
גָּדוֹל וְכָבֵד מְאֹד וַיַּעַשׂ לְאָבִיו אֵבֶל שִׁבְעַת
11 יָמִים׃ וַיַּרְא יוֹשֵׁב הָאָרֶץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֶת־הָאֵבֶל בְּגֹרֶן
הָאָטָד וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵבֶל־כָּבֵד זֶה לְמִצְרָיִם עַל־כֵּן
קָרָא שְׁמָהּ אָבֵל מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן׃
12 13 וַיַּעֲשׂוּ בָנָיו לוֹ כֵּן כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּם׃ וַיִּשְׂאוּ אֹתוֹ בָנָיו

commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. 3. And they fulfilled for him forty days;[a] for so they fulfil the days of those that are embalmed; and the Egyptians wept for him seventy days. 4. And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5. My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die; in my grave which I have dug for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me: now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and I will bury my father, and return again. 6. And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, as he made thee swear. 7. And Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8. And all the house of Joseph, and his brothers, and his father's house; only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left behind in the land of Goshen. 9. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and the company was very great. 10. And they came to the thrashing-floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and they mourned there with a great and very sore lamentation; and he made for his father a mourning of seven days. 11. And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the thrashing-floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizrayim,[b] which is beyond Jordan. 12. And his sons did unto him according as he had commanded them: 13. For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and

[a] Meaning, the process of embalming occupied forty days; "and they fulfilled" then is, that the embalmers were for this period engaged in their labour.

[b] "Mourning of Egypt."

אַרְצָה כְּנַעַן וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ בִּמְעָרַת שְׂדֵה הַמַּכְפֵּלָה
אֲשֶׁר קָנָה אַבְרָהָם אֶת־הַשָּׂדֶה לַאֲחֻזַּת־קֶבֶר
14 מֵאֵת עֶפְרֹן הַחִתִּי עַל־פְּנֵי מַמְרֵא׃ וַיָּשָׁב יוֹסֵף
מִצְרַיְמָה הוּא וְאֶחָיו וְכָל־הָעֹלִים אִתּוֹ לִקְבֹּר
15 אֶת־אָבִיו אַחֲרֵי קָבְרוֹ אֶת־אָבִיו׃ וַיִּרְאוּ אֲחֵי־יוֹסֵף
כִּי־מֵת אֲבִיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוּ יִשְׂטְמֵנוּ יוֹסֵף וְהָשֵׁב
16 יָשִׁיב לָנוּ אֵת כָּל־הָרָעָה אֲשֶׁר גָּמַלְנוּ אֹתוֹ׃ וַיְצַוּוּ
אֶל־יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר אָבִיךָ צִוָּה לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ לֵאמֹר׃
17 כֹּה־תֹאמְרוּ לְיוֹסֵף אָנָּא שָׂא נָא פֶּשַׁע אַחֶיךָ
וְחַטָּאתָם כִּי־רָעָה גְמָלוּךָ וְעַתָּה שָׂא נָא לְפֶשַׁע
עַבְדֵי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ וַיֵּבְךְּ יוֹסֵף בְּדַבְּרָם אֵלָיו׃
18 וַיֵּלְכוּ גַּם־אֶחָיו וַיִּפְּלוּ לְפָנָיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ הִנֶּנּוּ לְךָ
19 לַעֲבָדִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף אַל־תִּירָאוּ כִּי הֲתַחַת
20 אֱלֹהִים אָנִי׃ וְאַתֶּם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים
חֲשָׁבָהּ לְטֹבָה לְמַעַן עֲשֹׂה כַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה לְהַחֲיֹת עַם־
21 רָב׃ * וְעַתָּה אַל־תִּירָאוּ אָנֹכִי אֲכַלְכֵּל אֶתְכֶם וְאֶת־
22 טַפְּכֶם וַיְנַחֵם אוֹתָם וַיְדַבֵּר עַל־לִבָּם׃ וַיֵּשֶׁב יוֹסֵף
בְּמִצְרַיִם הוּא וּבֵית אָבִיו וַיְחִי יוֹסֵף מֵאָה וָעֶשֶׂר
23 שָׁנִים׃ * וַיַּרְא יוֹסֵף לְאֶפְרַיִם בְּנֵי שִׁלֵּשִׁים גַּם בְּנֵי
24 מָכִיר בֶּן־מְנַשֶּׁה יֻלְּדוּ עַל־בִּרְכֵּי יוֹסֵף׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף
אֶל־אֶחָיו אָנֹכִי מֵת וֵאלֹהִים פָּקֹד יִפְקֹד אֶתְכֶם

* שביעי * מפטיר

buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which field[a] Abraham bought for a possession of a burying-place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. 14. And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brothers, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. 15. And when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, Peradventure Joseph may now hate us; and then he would certainly requite us all the evil which we have done unto him. 16. And they sent word unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 17. So shall ye say unto Joseph, O forgive, I pray thee, the trespass of thy brothers, and their sin; for they have done evil unto thee: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father; and Joseph wept when they spoke unto him. 18. And his brothers also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we will be thy servants. 19. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God? 20. But as for you, though ye thought evil against me, God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save alive a numerous people.* 21. Now therefore fear ye not, I will support you, and your little ones; and he comforted them, and spoke kindly unto them. 22. And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house; and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.* 23. And Joseph saw of Ephraim children of the third generation; the children also of Machir the son of Menasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. 24. And Joseph said unto his brothers, I shall die; but God will surely visit you, and

[a] This construction is according to Arnheim, rendering אשר and השרה simply with "which field." He also renders עַל פני ממרא with "east of Mamre."

וְהֶעֱלָה אֶתְכֶם מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
25 נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב׃ וַיַּשְׁבַּע יוֹסֵף
אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר פָּקֹד יִפְקֹד אֱלֹהִים אֶתְכֶם
26 וְהַעֲלִתֶם אֶת־עַצְמֹתַי מִזֶּה׃ וַיָּמָת יוֹסֵף בֶּן־מֵאָה
וָעֶשֶׂר שָׁנִים וַיַּחַנְטוּ אֹתוֹ וַיִּישֶׂם בָּאָרוֹן בְּמִצְרָיִם׃

חזק

סכום פסוקי דספר בראשית אלף וחמש מאות ושלשים וארבעה
א״ך ל״ד סימן׃ וחציו ועל חרבך תחיה ופרשיותיו י״ב׳ זה שמי
לעולם סימן׃ וסדריו מ״ג׳ גם ברוך יהיה סימן׃ ופסקתותיו כ״ט׳
ופרקיו נ׳ יי חננו לך קוינו סימן׃ מניין הפתוחות שלשה
וארבעים׳ והסתומות שמנה וארבעים הכל תשעים
ואחת פרשיות׳ צא אתה וכל העם אשר ברגליך סימן׃

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bring you out of this land unto the land which he hath sworn to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 25. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from here. 26. So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

END OF GENESIS.

ADDENDA TO PAGE 126.

TO CHAP. XLIX. V. 10.

I HAVE left this verse as it is in the English version, inasmuch as it is according to ONKELOS and RASHI; but ARNHEIM gives: "Till he of Shiloh cometh, and the obedience of the tribes be turned to him," and refers "he of Shiloh" the Achiyah, the prophet of Shiloh, who foretold to Jeroboam that a part of the kingdom should be taken from Solomon and transferred to him, (1 Kings xi. 31,) which prediction afterwards came to pass, when Rechoboam refused to redress the grievances of the people; and "to him," then alludes to Jeroboam, to whom the tribes of Israel here called עמים, (see Gen. xiv. 4,) were to turn from the house of David. MENDELSSOHN, in giving a somewhat different version, refers to the same event; others again give: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawgiver from his descendants for ever; because Shiloh shall come, and to him shall be the gathering of the nations." This version is predicated upon the words עד כי being separated by a disjunctive accent, and thus stand for "for ever" and "because;" whilst the Yetib is a greater disjunctive than the Pesseek in 2 Samuel xxiii. 10.

TO CHAP. XLIX. V. 15.

Doubtlessly Jacob here contrasts Issachar with Zebulun; the latter was to be a merchant tribe, seeking for gain upon the ocean, going in quest of wealth; the former on the contrary was to prefer his beautiful land, full of all that can make agriculture profitable. ARNHEIM therefore renders the last words "and yielded himself to the service of the labourer."

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לפי חלופי המנהגי

THE HAPHTOROTH

FOR

THE BOOK OF GENESIS,

ACCORDING TO THE VARIOUS CUSTOMS.

ברכות ההפטרה

קודם קריאת ההפטרה ואחר שגמר הגולל יברך המפטיר ברכה זו

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בִּנְבִיאִים טוֹבִים וְרָצָה בְדִבְרֵיהֶם הַנֶּאֱמָרִים בֶּאֱמֶת: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הַבּוֹחֵר בַּתּוֹרָה וּבְמשֶׁה עַבְדּוֹ וּבְיִשְׂרָאֵל עַמּוֹ וּבִנְבִיאֵי הָאֱמֶת וְהַצֶּדֶק:

הספרדים מוסיפים אחר קריאת ההפטרה

גֹּאֲלֵנוּ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל:

אחר ההפטרה יברך המפטיר ד' ברכות אלו

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם צוּר כָּל-הָעוֹלָמִים צַדִּיק בְּכָל-הַדּוֹרוֹת הָאֵל הַנֶּאֱמָן הָאוֹמֵר וְעוֹשֶׂה מְדַבֵּר וּמְקַיֵּם כִּי כָל-דְּבָרָיו אֱמֶת וָצֶדֶק׳ נֶאֱמָן אַתָּה הוּא יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנֶאֱמָנִים דְּבָרֶיךָ וְדָבָר אֶחָד מִדְּבָרֶיךָ אָחוֹר לֹא-יָשׁוּב רֵיקָם כִּי אֵל מֶלֶךְ נֶאֱמָן (וְרַחֲמָן) אָתָּה׳ בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הָאֵל הַנֶּאֱמָן בְּכָל-דְּבָרָיו:

רַחֵם עַל-צִיּוֹן כִּי הִיא בֵּית חַיֵּינוּ וְלַעֲלוּבַת נֶפֶשׁ תּוֹשִׁיעַ בִּמְהֵרָה בְיָמֵינוּ׳ בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְשַׂמֵּחַ צִיּוֹן בְּבָנֶיהָ:

שַׂמְּחֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאֵלִיָּהוּ הַנָּבִיא עַבְדֶּךָ וּבְמַלְכוּת בֵּית דָּוִד מְשִׁיחֶךָ בִּמְהֵרָה יָבֹא וְיָגֵל לִבֵּנוּ עַל-כִּסְאוֹ לֹא-יֵשֶׁב זָר וְלֹא יִנְחֲלוּ עוֹד אֲחֵרִים אֶת-כְּבוֹדוֹ׳ כִּי

BLESSINGS FOR THE HAPHTORAH.

Before reading, say,

Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God! King of the universe, who hast chosen good prophets; and found delight in their words, which were delivered in truth. Blessed art thou, O Lord! who hast chosen the law, thy servant Moses, thy people Israel, and the true and righteous prophets.

After the reading of the Haphtorah, the Portuguese Jews add,

"Our Redeemer! the Lord of Hosts is his name, the holy One of Israel."

After which, the following,

Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God! King of the universe; Protector of all the worlds, who art righteous in all generations; the faithful God, who promisest and performest: speakest and accomplishest; for all thy words are true and just. Faithful art thou, O Lord, our God! and thy words are faithful: for not one of thy words shall return back fruitless: for thou, O God! art a faithful King. Blessed art thou, O Lord! the God who art faithful in all thy words.

O have compassion upon Zion, for it is the dwelling of our life; and speedily in our days save the afflicted in spirit. Blessed art thou, O Lord! who wilt cause Zion to rejoice in her children.

O Lord our God! cause us to rejoice in the coming of thy servant Elijah, the prophet, and in the kingdom of the house of David, thy anointed. May he come speedily, and gladden our hearts. Suffer no stranger to sit on his throne, nor any other to inherit his glory; for by thy holy

בְּשֵׁם קָדְשְׁךָ נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ-לּוֹ שֶׁלֹּא יִכְבֶּה נֵרוֹ לְעוֹלָם
וָעֶד · בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מָגֵן דָּוִד׃

עַל-הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל-הָעֲבוֹדָה וְעַל-הַנְּבִיאִים וְעַל-יוֹם
הַשַּׁבָּת הַזֶּה שֶׁנָּתַתָּ-לָּנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לִקְדֻשָּׁה וְלִמְנוּחָה
לְכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְאָרֶת · עַל-הַכֹּל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים
לָךְ וּמְבָרְכִים אוֹתָךְ יִתְבָּרַךְ שִׁמְךָ בְּפִי כָּל-חַי
תָּמִיד לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד · בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת׃

הפטרת בראשית

בישעיה סימן מ״ב

5 כֹּה-אָמַר הָאֵל ׀ יְהוָה בּוֹרֵא הַשָּׁמַיִם וְנוֹטֵיהֶם
רֹקַע הָאָרֶץ וְצֶאֱצָאֶיהָ נֹתֵן נְשָׁמָה לָעָם עָלֶיהָ וְרוּחַ
6 לַהֹלְכִים בָּהּ׃ אֲנִי יְהוָה קְרָאתִיךָ בְצֶדֶק וְאַחְזֵק
7 בְּיָדֶךָ וְאֶצָּרְךָ וְאֶתֶּנְךָ לִבְרִית עָם לְאוֹר גּוֹיִם׃ לִפְקֹחַ
עֵינַיִם עִוְרוֹת לְהוֹצִיא מִמַּסְגֵּר אַסִּיר מִבֵּית כֶּלֶא
8 יֹשְׁבֵי חֹשֶׁךְ׃ אֲנִי יְהוָה הוּא שְׁמִי וּכְבוֹדִי לְאַחֵר לֹא-
9 אֶתֵּן וּתְהִלָּתִי לַפְּסִילִים׃ הָרִאשֹׁנוֹת הִנֵּה-בָאוּ
וַחֲדָשׁוֹת אֲנִי מַגִּיד בְּטֶרֶם תִּצְמַחְנָה אַשְׁמִיעַ
10 אֶתְכֶם׃ שִׁירוּ לַיהוָה שִׁיר חָדָשׁ תְּהִלָּתוֹ מִקְצֵה
11 הָאָרֶץ יוֹרְדֵי הַיָּם וּמְלֹאוֹ אִיִּים וְיֹשְׁבֵיהֶם׃ יִשְׂאוּ

name hast thou sworn unto him that his lamp should never be extinguished. Blessed art thou, O Lord! the Shield of David.

For the sake of the law, the worship, and the prophets, and this sabbath-day, which thou hast given to us, for a day of sanctification, rest, glory, and honour; for all this, O Lord, our God! we thank and praise thee; blessed be thy name in the mouth of every living creature, continually, and for evermore. Blessed art thou, O Lord! who sanctifiest the sabbath.

HAPHTORAH OF BERESHITH.

ISAIAH xlii. 5.

5. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens,
and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and
that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the
people upon it, and spirit to them that walk thereon: 6. I
the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will lay hold
on thy hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a cove-
nant of the people, for a light of the nations; 7. To open
blind eyes, to bring out the prisoner from the dungeon, and
out of the prison-house those that dwell in darkness. 8. I
am the Everlasting One, that is my name; and my glory
will I not give to another, nor my praise to graven images.
9. The former things, behold, are come to pass; and new
things do I announce; before they spring forth I let you
hear of them. 10. Sing unto the LORD a new song, his
praise from the ends of the earth; ye that go down to the
sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants

מִדְבָּר וְעָרָיו חֲצֵרִים תֵּשֵׁב קֵדָר יָרֹנּוּ יֹשְׁבֵי סֶלַע
12 מֵרֹאשׁ הָרִים יִצְוָחוּ׃ יָשִׂימוּ לַיהוָה כָּבוֹד וּתְהִלָּתוֹ
13 בָּאִיִּים יַגִּידוּ׃ יְהוָה כַּגִּבּוֹר יֵצֵא כְּאִישׁ מִלְחָמוֹת
יָעִיר קִנְאָה יָרִיעַ אַף־יַצְרִיחַ עַל־אֹיְבָיו יִתְגַּבָּר׃
14 הֶחֱשֵׁיתִי מֵעוֹלָם אַחֲרִישׁ אֶתְאַפָּק כַּיּוֹלֵדָה אֶפְעֶה
15 אֶשֹּׁם וְאֶשְׁאַף יָחַד׃ אַחֲרִיב הָרִים וּגְבָעוֹת וְכָל־
עֶשְׂבָּם אוֹבִישׁ וְשַׂמְתִּי נְהָרוֹת לָאִיִּים וַאֲגַמִּים
16 אוֹבִישׁ׃ וְהוֹלַכְתִּי עִוְרִים בְּדֶרֶךְ לֹא יָדָעוּ בִּנְתִיבוֹת
לֹא־יָדְעוּ אַדְרִיכֵם אָשִׂים מַחְשָׁךְ לִפְנֵיהֶם לָאוֹר
וּמַעֲקַשִּׁים לְמִישׁוֹר אֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים עֲשִׂיתִם וְלֹא
17 עֲזַבְתִּים׃ נָסֹגוּ אָחוֹר יֵבֹשׁוּ בֹשֶׁת הַבֹּטְחִים בַּפָּסֶל
18 הָאֹמְרִים לְמַסֵּכָה אַתֶּם אֱלֹהֵינוּ׃ הַחֵרְשִׁים שְׁמָעוּ
19 וְהַעִוְרִים הַבִּיטוּ לִרְאוֹת׃ מִי עִוֵּר כִּי אִם־עַבְדִּי
וְחֵרֵשׁ כְּמַלְאָכִי אֶשְׁלָח מִי עִוֵּר כִּמְשֻׁלָּם וְעִוֵּר
20 כְּעֶבֶד יְהוָה׃ רָאִית רַבּוֹת וְלֹא תִשְׁמֹר פָּקוֹחַ אָזְנַיִם
21 וְלֹא יִשְׁמָע׃ יְהוָה חָפֵץ לְמַעַן צִדְקוֹ יַגְדִּיל תּוֹרָה
וְיַאְדִּיר׃ כאן מסיימין הספרדים* וק״ק פ״פ דמיין

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* והספרדים מוסיפין לחתן בראשית ובכל עת ש״ש חתן וכלה בבה״כ

שׂוֹשׂ אָשִׂישׂ בַּיהוָה תָּגֵל נַפְשִׁי בֵּאלֹהַי כִּי הִלְבִּישַׁנִי
בִּגְדֵי־יֶשַׁע מְעִיל צְדָקָה יְעָטָנִי כֶּחָתָן יְכַהֵן פְּאֵר

* ראות ק׳

thereof. 11. Let resound with song the wilderness and the cities thereof, the villages which Kedar inhabiteth: let the habitants of the rocks sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands. 13. The Lord—as a mighty man will he go forth, like a man of war will he arouse his vengeance: he will shout, yea, raise the war-cry; he will show his strength against his enemies. 14. I have a long time held my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now like a travailing woman will I cry; I will destroy and devour at once. 15. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and all their herbs will I dry up; and I will change the rivers into islands, and pools will I dry up. 16. And I will cause the blind to walk on a way that they knew not; in paths that they have not known will I lead them: I will change darkness before them into light, and crooked places into plains. These are the things which I will do, and not leave them unfulfilled. 17. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to molten images, Ye are our gods. 18. Ye deaf hear; and ye blind look up, that ye may see. 19. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger whom I send? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? 20. Thou seest many things, but observest not; the ears are open, but he heareth not. 21. The Lord willed to do this for the sake of his righteousness; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. [THE PORTUGUESE JEWS STOP HERE.*]

* But add the following two verses from Isaiah lxi. 10, and lxx. 5; so also whenever a bridegroom and bride are in Synagogue.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteous-

22 וְהוּא֙ עַם־בָּז֣וּז וְשָׁס֔וּי הָפֵ֤חַ בַּֽחוּרִים֙ כֻּלָּ֔ם וּבְבָתֵּ֥י
כְלָאִ֖ים הָחְבָּ֑אוּ הָי֥וּ לָבַז֙ וְאֵ֣ין מַצִּ֔יל מְשִׁסָּ֖ה וְאֵין־
23 אֹמֵ֥ר הָשַֽׁב׃ מִ֥י בָכֶ֖ם יַאֲזִ֣ין זֹ֑את יַקְשִׁ֥ב וְיִשְׁמַ֖ע
24 לְאָחֽוֹר׃ מִֽי־נָתַ֨ן לִמְשׁ֧וֹסָּה* יַעֲקֹ֛ב וְיִשְׂרָאֵ֖ל לְבֹזְזִ֑ים
הֲל֣וֹא יְהוָ֗ה ז֚וּ חָטָ֣אנוּ ל֔וֹ וְלֹֽא־אָב֤וּ בִדְרָכָיו֙ הָל֔וֹךְ
25 וְלֹ֥א שָׁמְע֖וּ בְּתוֹרָתֽוֹ׃ וַיִּשְׁפֹּ֤ךְ עָלָיו֙ חֵמָ֣ה אַפּ֔וֹ וֶעֱז֖וּז
מִלְחָמָ֑ה וַתְּלַהֲטֵ֤הוּ מִסָּבִיב֙ וְלֹ֣א יָדָ֔ע וַתִּבְעַר־בּ֖וֹ
מג 1 וְלֹא־יָשִׂ֥ים עַל־לֵֽב׃ וְעַתָּ֞ה כֹּֽה־אָמַ֤ר יְהוָה֙ בֹּרַאֲךָ֣
יַעֲקֹ֔ב וְיֹצֶרְךָ֖ יִשְׂרָאֵ֑ל אַל־תִּירָא֙ כִּ֣י גְאַלְתִּ֔יךָ
2 קָרָ֥אתִי בְשִׁמְךָ֖ לִֽי־אָֽתָּה׃ כִּֽי־תַעֲבֹ֤ר בַּמַּ֙יִם֙ אִתְּךָ־
אָ֔נִי וּבַנְּהָר֖וֹת לֹ֣א יִשְׁטְפ֑וּךָ כִּֽי־תֵלֵ֤ךְ בְּמוֹ־אֵשׁ֙ לֹ֣א
3 תִכָּוֶ֔ה וְלֶהָבָ֖ה לֹ֥א תִבְעַר־בָּֽךְ׃ כִּ֗י אֲנִי֙ יְהוָ֣ה אֱלֹהֶ֔יךָ
קְד֥וֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵ֖ל מוֹשִׁיעֶ֑ךָ נָתַ֤תִּי כָפְרְךָ֙ מִצְרַ֔יִם כּ֥וּשׁ
4 וּסְבָ֖א תַּחְתֶּֽיךָ׃ מֵאֲשֶׁ֨ר יָקַ֧רְתָּ בְעֵינַ֛י נִכְבַּ֖דְתָּ וַאֲנִ֣י
אֲהַבְתִּ֑יךָ וְאֶתֵּ֤ן אָדָם֙ תַּחְתֶּ֔יךָ וּלְאֻמִּ֖ים תַּ֥חַת
5 נַפְשֶֽׁךָ׃ אַל־תִּירָ֖א כִּ֣י אִתְּךָ־אָ֑נִי מִמִּזְרָח֙ אָבִ֣יא
6 זַרְעֶ֔ךָ וּמִמַּעֲרָ֖ב אֲקַבְּצֶֽךָּ׃ אֹמַ֤ר לַצָּפוֹן֙ תֵּ֔נִי וּלְתֵימָ֖ן

וְכַכַּלָּ֖ה תַּעְדֶּ֥ה כֵלֶֽיהָ׃
כִּֽי־יִבְעַ֤ל בָּחוּר֙ בְּתוּלָ֔ה יִבְעָל֖וּךְ בָּנָ֑יִךְ וּמְשׂ֤וֹשׂ חָתָן֙
עַל־כַּלָּ֔ה יָשִׂ֥ישׂ עָלַ֖יִךְ אֱלֹהָֽיִךְ׃

* למשיסה ק׳

22. But it is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison-houses: they are become for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. 23. Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and listen for the time to come? 24. Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? was it not the LORD? he it is against whom we have sinned, for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. 25. Therefore hath he poured out over him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he regarded it not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

CHAP. XLIII.

1. But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; mine thou art. 2. When thou passest through the waters, I am with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be scorched; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour; I have given Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in place of thee. 4. Since thou art precious in my sight, thou art honourable, and I do love thee; therefore will I give men in place of thee, and nations for thy life. 5. Fear not, for I am with thee; from the east will I bring thy seed, and from the west will I gather thee. 6.

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ness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her bridal array.

For as a young man espouseth a virgin, so shall thy children espouse thee; and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so will rejoice over thee thy God.

אַל־תִּכְלָאִי הָבִיאִי בָנַי מֵרָחוֹק וּבְנוֹתַי מִקְצֵה
7 הָאָרֶץ׃ כֹּל הַנִּקְרָא בִשְׁמִי וְלִכְבֹדִי בְּרָאתִיו יְצַרְתִּיו
8 אַף־עֲשִׂיתִיו׃ הוֹצִיא עַם־עִוֵּר וְעֵינַיִם יֵשׁ וְחֵרְשִׁים
9 וְאָזְנַיִם לָמוֹ׃ כָּל־הַגּוֹיִם נִקְבְּצוּ יַחְדָּו וְיֵאָסְפוּ
לְאֻמִּים מִי בָהֶם יַגִּיד זֹאת וְרִאשֹׁנוֹת יַשְׁמִעֻנוּ
10 יִתְּנוּ עֵדֵיהֶם וְיִצְדָּקוּ וְיִשְׁמְעוּ וְיֹאמְרוּ אֱמֶת׃ אַתֶּם
עֵדַי נְאֻם־יְהוָֹה וְעַבְדִּי אֲשֶׁר בָּחָרְתִּי לְמַעַן תֵּדְעוּ
וְתַאֲמִינוּ לִי וְתָבִינוּ כִּי־אֲנִי הוּא לְפָנַי לֹא־נוֹצַר
אֵל וְאַחֲרַי לֹא יִהְיֶה׃

הפטרת תולדת נח

בישעיה סימן נ"ד

1 רָנִּי עֲקָרָה לֹא יָלָדָה פִּצְחִי רִנָּה וְצַהֲלִי לֹא־חָלָה
כִּי־רַבִּים בְּנֵי־שׁוֹמֵמָה מִבְּנֵי בְעוּלָה אָמַר יְהוָֹה׃
2 הַרְחִיבִי ׀ מְקוֹם אָהֳלֵךְ וִירִיעוֹת מִשְׁכְּנוֹתַיִךְ יַטּוּ
אַל־תַּחְשֹׂכִי הַאֲרִיכִי מֵיתָרַיִךְ וִיתֵדֹתַיִךְ חַזֵּקִי׃
3 כִּי־יָמִין וּשְׂמֹאול תִּפְרֹצִי וְזַרְעֵךְ גּוֹיִם יִירָשׁ וְעָרִים
4 נְשַׁמּוֹת יוֹשִׁיבוּ׃ אַל־תִּירְאִי כִּי־לֹא תֵבוֹשִׁי וְאַל־
תִּכָּלְמִי כִּי לֹא תַחְפִּירִי כִּי בֹשֶׁת עֲלוּמַיִךְ תִּשְׁכָּחִי
5 וְחֶרְפַּת אַלְמְנוּתַיִךְ לֹא תִזְכְּרִי־עוֹד׃ כִּי בֹעֲלַיִךְ
עֹשַׂיִךְ יְהוָֹה צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ וְגֹאֲלֵךְ קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל

I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; 7. Every one that is called by my name; and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed; yea, whom I have made. 8. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. 9. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can announce this, and let us hear former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. 10. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no god formed, and after me there will be none.

HAPHTORAH OF NOACH.

Isaiah liv. 5.

CHAP. LIV. 1. Sing, O barren, thou that hast not born; break forth into singing, and rejoice aloud, thou that hast not travailed: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. 2. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations,—spare not; lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 3. For thou shalt break forth to the right hand and to the left; and thy seed shall inherit nations, and re-people desolate cities. 4. Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed: and be not confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame; for the shame of thy youth shalt thou forget, and the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou not remember any more. 5. For thy husband is thy Maker, the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel, The

6 אֱלֹהֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ יִקָּרֵא׃ כִּי־כְאִשָּׁה עֲזוּבָה וַעֲצוּבַת
רוּחַ קְרָאָךְ יְהוָה וְאֵשֶׁת נְעוּרִים כִּי תִמָּאֵס אָמַר
7 אֱלֹהָיִךְ׃ בְּרֶגַע קָטֹן עֲזַבְתִּיךְ וּבְרַחֲמִים גְּדֹלִים
8 אֲקַבְּצֵךְ׃ בְּשֶׁצֶף קֶצֶף הִסְתַּרְתִּי פָנַי רֶגַע מִמֵּךְ
9 וּבְחֶסֶד עוֹלָם רִחַמְתִּיךְ אָמַר גֹּאֲלֵךְ יְהוָה׃ כִּי־מֵי
נֹחַ זֹאת לִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מֵעֲבֹר מֵי־נֹחַ עוֹד עַל־
10 הָאָרֶץ כֵּן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִקְּצֹף עָלַיִךְ וּמִגְּעָר־בָּךְ׃ כִּי
הֶהָרִים יָמוּשׁוּ וְהַגְּבָעוֹת תְּמוּטֶינָה וְחַסְדִּי מֵאִתֵּךְ
לֹא־יָמוּשׁ וּבְרִית שְׁלוֹמִי לֹא תָמוּט אָמַר מְרַחֲמֵךְ
יְהוָה׃ כאן מסיימין הספרדים
11 עֲנִיָּה סֹעֲרָה לֹא נֻחָמָה הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי מַרְבִּיץ בַּפּוּךְ
12 אֲבָנָיִךְ וִיסַדְתִּיךְ בַּסַּפִּירִים׃ וְשַׂמְתִּי כַּדְכֹד
שִׁמְשֹׁתַיִךְ וּשְׁעָרַיִךְ לְאַבְנֵי אֶקְדָּח וְכָל־גְּבוּלֵךְ
13 לְאַבְנֵי־חֵפֶץ׃ וְכָל־בָּנַיִךְ לִמּוּדֵי יְהוָה וְרַב שְׁלוֹם
14 בָּנָיִךְ׃ בִּצְדָקָה תִּכּוֹנָנִי רַחֲקִי מֵעֹשֶׁק כִּי־לֹא תִירָאִי
15 וּמִמְּחִתָּה כִּי לֹא־תִקְרַב אֵלָיִךְ׃ הֵן גּוֹר יָגוּר אֶפֶס
16 מֵאוֹתִי מִי־גָר אִתָּךְ עָלַיִךְ יִפּוֹל׃ הִן* אָנֹכִי בָּרָאתִי
חָרָשׁ נֹפֵחַ בְּאֵשׁ פֶּחָם וּמוֹצִיא כְלִי לְמַעֲשֵׂהוּ וְאָנֹכִי
17 בָּרָאתִי מַשְׁחִית לְחַבֵּל׃ כָּל־כְּלִי יוּצַר עָלַיִךְ לֹא
יִצְלָח וְכָל־לָשׁוֹן תָּקוּם־אִתָּךְ לַמִּשְׁפָּט תַּרְשִׁיעִי
זֹאת נַחֲלַת עַבְדֵי יְהוָה וְצִדְקָתָם מֵאִתִּי נְאֻם־יְהוָה׃

* הנה ק׳

God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6. For as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit did the LORD call thee back, and as a wife of youth, that was refused, saith thy God. 7. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. 8. In a little wrath did I hide my face for a moment from thee; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee; saith the LORD thy Redeemer. 9. For as the waters of Noach is this unto me; as I have sworn that the waters of Noach should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. 10. For the mountains may depart, and the hills may be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. [HERE END THE PORTUGUESE JEWS.]

11. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12. And I will make of rubies thy battlements, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of precious stones. 13. And all thy children are taught of the LORD; and great is the peace of thy children. 14. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee. 15. Behold, they that assemble together, they are nothing without me: whosoever shall assemble together against thee shall fall under thy power. 16. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. 17. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their due reward of me, saith

נה הוֹי כָּל־צָמֵא לְכוּ לַמַּיִם וַאֲשֶׁר אֵין־לוֹ כָּסֶף לְכוּ
שִׁבְרוּ וֶאֱכֹלוּ וּלְכוּ שִׁבְרוּ בְּלוֹא־כֶסֶף וּבְלוֹא מְחִיר
2 יַיִן וְחָלָב׃ לָמָּה תִשְׁקְלוּ־כֶסֶף בְּלוֹא־לֶחֶם וִיגִיעֲכֶם
בְּלוֹא לְשָׂבְעָה שִׁמְעוּ שָׁמוֹעַ אֵלַי וְאִכְלוּ־טוֹב
3 וְתִתְעַנַּג בַּדֶּשֶׁן נַפְשְׁכֶם׃ הַטּוּ אָזְנְכֶם וּלְכוּ אֵלַי
שִׁמְעוּ וּתְחִי נַפְשְׁכֶם וְאֶכְרְתָה לָכֶם בְּרִית עוֹלָם
4 חַסְדֵי דָוִד הַנֶּאֱמָנִים׃ הֵן עֵד לְאוּמִּים נְתַתִּיו נָגִיד
5 וּמְצַוֵּה לְאֻמִּים׃ הֵן גּוֹי לֹא־תֵדַע תִּקְרָא וְגוֹי לֹא־
יְדָעוּךָ אֵלֶיךָ יָרוּצוּ לְמַעַן יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְלִקְדוֹשׁ
יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי פֵאֲרָךְ׃

הפטרת לך לך

בישעיה סימן מ׳

27 לָמָּה תֹאמַר יַעֲקֹב וּתְדַבֵּר יִשְׂרָאֵל נִסְתְּרָה
28 דַרְכִּי מֵיְהוָה וּמֵאֱלֹהַי מִשְׁפָּטִי יַעֲבוֹר׃ הֲלוֹא יָדַעְתָּ
אִם־לֹא שָׁמַעְתָּ אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם׀ יְהוָה בּוֹרֵא קְצוֹת
29 הָאָרֶץ לֹא יִיעַף וְלֹא יִיגָע אֵין חֵקֶר לִתְבוּנָתוֹ׃ נֹתֵן
30 לַיָּעֵף כֹּחַ וּלְאֵין אוֹנִים עָצְמָה יַרְבֶּה׃ וְיִעֲפוּ נְעָרִים
31 וְיִגָעוּ וּבַחוּרִים כָּשׁוֹל יִכָּשֵׁלוּ׃ וְקוֵֹי יְהוָה יַחֲלִיפוּ
כֹחַ יַעֲלוּ אֵבֶר כַּנְּשָׁרִים יָרוּצוּ וְלֹא יִיגָעוּ יֵלְכוּ וְלֹא
מא 1 יִיעָפוּ׃ הַחֲרִישׁוּ אֵלַי אִיִּים וּלְאֻמִּים יַחֲלִיפוּ כֹחַ

CHAP. LV. the Lord. 1. Ho, every one that thirsteth,
come ye to the water, and he that hath no
money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy without
money and without price wine and milk. 2. Wherefore
do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your
labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken then unto me,
and eat ye what is good, and let your soul delight itself in
fatness. 3. Incline your ear, and come unto me, hear, and
your soul shall live; and I will make with you an everlast-
ing covenant, the promised mercies of David, which are
sure. 4. Behold, for a witness unto nations have I appoint-
ed him, a leader and commander to nations. 5. Behold,
a people thou knowest not thou shalt call, and a nation that
knew not thee shall run unto thee; because of the Lord thy
God, and for the Holy One of Israel, for he hath glorified
thee.

HAPHTORAH OF LECH LECHA.

Isaiah xl. 27.

27. Why wilt say thou, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
My way is hid from the Lord, and my cause escapes the
cognizance of my God? 28. Hast thou not learnt? hast
thou not heard? The Lord is the God of everlasting, is the
Creator of the ends of the earth, he is not faint, and he is
not weary; unsearchable is his understanding. 29. He
giveth power to the faint; and to the powerless he im-
parteth much strength. 30. Though youths should grow
faint and be weary, and young men should utterly stumble:
31. Yet they that wait upon the Lord shall acquire new
strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they
shall run and not be weary, they shall walk, and not be-
come faint. 1. Keep silence before me, O
CHAP. XLI. islands; and let people acquire new strength:

2 יַגְּשׁוּ אָז יְדַבֵּרוּ יַחְדָּו לַמִּשְׁפָּט נִקְרָבָה׃ מִי הֵעִיר
מִמִּזְרָח צֶדֶק יִקְרָאֵהוּ לְרַגְלוֹ יִתֵּן לְפָנָיו גּוֹיִם
וּמְלָכִים יַרְדְּ יִתֵּן כֶּעָפָר חַרְבּוֹ כְּקַשׁ נִדָּף קַשְׁתּוֹ׃
3 4 יִרְדְּפֵם יַעֲבוֹר שָׁלוֹם אֹרַח בְּרַגְלָיו לֹא יָבוֹא׃ מִי־
פָעַל וְעָשָׂה קֹרֵא הַדֹּרוֹת מֵרֹאשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה רִאשׁוֹן
5 וְאֶת־אַחֲרֹנִים אֲנִי־הוּא׃ רָאוּ אִיִּים וְיִירָאוּ קְצוֹת
6 הָאָרֶץ יֶחֱרָדוּ קָרְבוּ וַיֶּאֱתָיוּן׃ אִישׁ אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ יַעְזֹרוּ
7 וּלְאָחִיו יֹאמַר חֲזָק׃ וַיְחַזֵּק חָרָשׁ אֶת צֹרֵף מַחֲלִיק
פַּטִּישׁ אֶת־הוֹלֶם פָּעַם אֹמֵר לַדֶּבֶק טוֹב הוּא
8 וַיְחַזְּקֵהוּ בְמַסְמְרִים לֹא יִמּוֹט׃ וְאַתָּה יִשְׂרָאֵל
עַבְדִּי יַעֲקֹב אֲשֶׁר בְּחַרְתִּיךָ זֶרַע אַבְרָהָם אֹהֲבִי׃
9 אֲשֶׁר הֶחֱזַקְתִּיךָ מִקְצוֹת הָאָרֶץ וּמֵאֲצִילֶיהָ
קְרָאתִיךָ וָאֹמַר לְךָ עַבְדִּי־אַתָּה בְּחַרְתִּיךָ וְלֹא
10 מְאַסְתִּיךָ׃ אַל־תִּירָא כִּי־עִמְּךָ אָנִי אַל־תִּשְׁתָּע כִּי־
אֲנִי אֱלֹהֶיךָ אִמַּצְתִּיךָ אַף־עֲזַרְתִּיךָ אַף־תְּמַכְתִּיךָ
11 בִּימִין צִדְקִי׃ הֵן יֵבֹשׁוּ וְיִכָּלְמוּ כֹּל הַנֶּחֱרִים בָּךְ יִהְיוּ
12 כְאַיִן וְיֹאבְדוּ אַנְשֵׁי רִיבֶךָ׃ תְּבַקְשֵׁם וְלֹא תִמְצָאֵם
אַנְשֵׁי מַצֻּתֶךָ יִהְיוּ כְאַיִן וּכְאֶפֶס אַנְשֵׁי מִלְחַמְתֶּךָ׃
13 כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מַחֲזִיק יְמִינֶךָ הָאֹמֵר לְךָ אַל־
14 תִּירָא אֲנִי עֲזַרְתִּיךָ׃ אַל־תִּירְאִי תּוֹלַעַת יַעֲקֹב
מְתֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲנִי עֲזַרְתִּיךְ נְאֻם־יְהוָה וְגֹאֲלֵךְ קְדוֹשׁ

let them come near, then let them speak, together let us come near to judgment. 2. Who waked up from the east the man whom righteousness followed in his steps? he giveth nations before him, and maketh him rule over kings; that his sword rendereth them as the dust, as driven stubble his bow. 3. He pursueth them, passeth along in safety, by a way which his feet have not gone over before. 4. Who hath wrought and done it? he who called the generations from the beginning; I the LORD, the first, and with the latest I am the same. 5. The isles saw it, and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they drew near, and came. 6. They help one another; and each saith to his brother, Be strong! 7. So the smith encouraged the melter, he that smootheth with the hammer him that smiteth the anvil, saying of the soder, It is good; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved. 8. But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. 9. Thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. 10. Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I strengthen thee, yea, I help thee, yea, I uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. 11. Behold, ashamed and confounded shall be all that were incensed against thee; they shall be as nothing and perish—the men that strived with thee. 12. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, the men that contend with thee: they shall be as nothing and as vanity, the men that make war against thee. 13. For I the LORD thy God will lay hold of thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I help thee. 14. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, ye few men of Israel; I help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer is the Holy

15 יִשְׂרָאֵל: הִנֵּה שַׂמְתִּיךְ לְמוֹרַג חָרוּץ חָדָשׁ בַּעַל
פִּיפִיּוֹת תָּדוּשׁ הָרִים וְתָדֹק וּגְבָעוֹת כַּמֹּץ תָּשִׂים:
16 תִּזְרֵם וְרוּחַ תִּשָּׂאֵם וּסְעָרָה תָּפִיץ אוֹתָם וְאַתָּה
תָּגִיל בַּיהוָה בִּקְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל תִּתְהַלָּל:

הפטרת וירא

במלכי׳ ב׳ סימן ד׳

1 וְאִשָּׁה אַחַת מִנְּשֵׁי בְנֵי־הַנְּבִיאִים צָעֲקָה אֶל־
אֱלִישָׁע לֵאמֹר עַבְדְּךָ אִישִׁי מֵת וְאַתָּה יָדַעְתָּ כִּי
עַבְדְּךָ הָיָה יָרֵא אֶת־יְהוָה וְהַנֹּשֶׁה בָּא לָקַחַת אֶת־
2 שְׁנֵי יְלָדַי לוֹ לַעֲבָדִים: וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ אֱלִישָׁע מָה
אֶעֱשֶׂה־לָּךְ הַגִּידִי לִי מַה־יֶּשׁ־לָכִי* בַּבָּיִת וַתֹּאמֶר
3 אֵין לְשִׁפְחָתְךָ כֹל בַּבַּיִת כִּי אִם־אָסוּךְ שָׁמֶן: וַיֹּאמֶר
לְכִי שַׁאֲלִי־לָךְ כֵּלִים מִן־הַחוּץ מֵאֵת כָּל־שְׁכֵנָיְכִי*
4 כֵּלִים רֵקִים אַל־תַּמְעִיטִי: וּבָאת וְסָגַרְתְּ הַדֶּלֶת
בַּעֲדֵךְ וּבְעַד בָּנַיִךְ וְיָצַקְתְּ עַל כָּל־הַכֵּלִים הָאֵלֶּה
5 וְהַמָּלֵא תַּסִּיעִי: וַתֵּלֶךְ מֵאִתּוֹ וַתִּסְגֹּר הַדֶּלֶת בַּעֲדָהּ
6 וּבְעַד בָּנֶיהָ הֵם מַגִּשִׁים אֵלֶיהָ וְהִיא מיֹצָקֶת*: וַיְהִי ׀
כִּמְלֹאת הַכֵּלִים וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־בְּנָהּ הַגִּישָׁה אֵלַי עוֹד
7 כֶּלִי וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ אֵין עוֹד כֶּלִי וַיַּעֲמֹד הַשָּׁמֶן: וַתָּבֹא
וַתַּגֵּד לְאִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לְכִי מִכְרִי אֶת־הַשֶּׁמֶן

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One of Israel. 15. Behold, I render thee a thrashing instrument, sharp, new, having teeth: thou shalt thrash mountains, and beat them small, and shalt render the hills to chaff. 16. Thou shalt scatter them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the storm shall disperse them; but thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, in the Holy One of Israel shalt thou glory.

HAPHTORAH OF VAYERA.

2 Kings iv. 1.

CHAP. IV. 1. Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons for bondmen.[a] 2. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thy handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. 3. And he said, Go borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, empty vessels, let them not be a few. 4. And when thou art come in, thou shalt lock the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels; and that which is full thou shalt set aside. 5. So she went from him, and locked the door upon her and upon her sons, and they brought the vessels to her, and she poured out. 6. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet another vessel; and he said unto her, There is not a vessel more; and the oil stayed. 7. Then she came and told the man of God; and he said, Go, sell

[a] This passage proves that with the prevalence of idolatry the purer principles of the law fell into disuse. The power of taking a human being into bondage for debt, is nowhere conferred upon the creditor;

8 וְשַׁלְּמִי אֶת־נִשְׁיֵכִי* וְאַתְּ בָּנַיִכִי* תְּחְיִי בַּנּוֹתָר׃ וַיְהִי
הַיּוֹם וַיַּעֲבֹר אֱלִישָׁע אֶל־שׁוּנֵם וְשָׁם אִשָּׁה גְדוֹלָה
וַתַּחֲזֶק־בּוֹ לֶאֱכָל־לָחֶם וַיְהִי מִדֵּי עָבְרוֹ יָסֻר שָׁמָּה
9 לֶאֱכָל־לָחֶם׃ וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־אִישָׁהּ הִנֵּה־נָא יָדַעְתִּי
כִּי אִישׁ אֱלֹהִים קָדוֹשׁ הוּא עֹבֵר עָלֵינוּ תָּמִיד׃
10 נַעֲשֶׂה־נָּא עֲלִיַּת־קִיר קְטַנָּה וְנָשִׂים לוֹ שָׁם מִטָּה
וְשֻׁלְחָן וְכִסֵּא וּמְנוֹרָה וְהָיָה בְּבֹאוֹ אֵלֵינוּ יָסוּר
11 שָׁמָּה׃ וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וַיָּבֹא שָׁמָּה וַיָּסַר אֶל־הָעֲלִיָּה
12 וַיִּשְׁכַּב שָׁמָּה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־גֵּיחֲזִי נַעֲרוֹ קְרָא
13 לַשּׁוּנַמִּית הַזֹּאת וַיִּקְרָא־לָהּ וַתַּעֲמֹד לְפָנָיו׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
לוֹ אֱמָר־נָא אֵלֶיהָ הִנֵּה חָרַדְתְּ ׀ אֵלֵינוּ אֶת־כָּל־
הַחֲרָדָה הַזֹּאת מֶה לַעֲשׂוֹת לָךְ הֲיֵשׁ לְדַבֶּר־לָךְ
אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ אוֹ אֶל־שַׂר הַצָּבָא וַתֹּאמֶר בְּתוֹךְ עַמִּי
14 אָנֹכִי יֹשָׁבֶת׃ וַיֹּאמֶר וּמֶה לַעֲשׂוֹת לָהּ וַיֹּאמֶר גֵּיחֲזִי
15 אֲבָל בֵּן אֵין־לָהּ וְאִישָׁהּ זָקֵן׃ וַיֹּאמֶר קְרָא־לָהּ
16 וַיִּקְרָא־לָהּ וַתַּעֲמֹד בַּפָּתַח׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לַמּוֹעֵד הַזֶּה
כָּעֵת חַיָּה אַתִּי* חֹבֶקֶת בֵּן וַתֹּאמֶר אַל־אֲדֹנִי אִישׁ
17 הָאֱלֹהִים אַל־תְּכַזֵּב בְּשִׁפְחָתֶךָ׃ וַתַּהַר הָאִשָּׁה
וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן לַמּוֹעֵד הַזֶּה כָּעֵת חַיָּה אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר אֵלֶיהָ
18 אֱלִישָׁע׃ וַיִּגְדַּל הַיָּלֶד וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וַיֵּצֵא אֶל־אָבִיו אֶל־
19 הַקֹּצְרִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־אָבִיו רֹאשִׁי ׀ רֹאשִׁי וַיֹּאמֶר

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the oil, and pay thy debt, and thou and thy children shall live of the rest. 8. And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed over to Shunem, and there was a great woman, and she constrained him to eat bread; and so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9. And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who passeth by us continually. 10. Let us then make a little chamber, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a chair, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11. And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. 12. And he said to Gechazi his servant, Call this Shunammite; and he called her, and she stood before him. 13. And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been at pains to take all this trouble for us; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the chief of the army? and she answered, I dwell among my own people.[a] 14. And he said, What then is to be done for her? and Gechazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. 15. And he said, Call her; and he called her, and she stood in the door. 16. And he said, next year, at this season, thou shalt embrace a son: and she said, Nay, my lord, man of God, do not deceive thy handmaid. 17. And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season which Elisha had said unto her in the following year. 18. And the child grew up; and it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19. And he said unto his father, My head, my head; and

and here we see that the widow of one of the scholars of the prophets (so Rashi explains "sons of the prophets") is threatened by her creditor with the servitude of her children.

[a] "Among my relatives, no one injures me, and I have no need of the aid of the king or the chief of the army."—Rashi.

20 אֶל־הַנַּעַר שָׂאֵהוּ אֶל־אִמּוֹ׃ וַיִּשָּׂאֵהוּ וַיְבִיאֵהוּ אֶל־
21 אִמּוֹ וַיֵּשֶׁב עַל־בִּרְכֶּיהָ עַד־הַצָּהֳרַיִם וַיָּמֹת׃ וַתַּעַל
וַתַּשְׁכִּבֵהוּ עַל־מִטַּת אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים וַתִּסְגֹּר בַּעֲדוֹ
22 וַתֵּצֵא׃ וַתִּקְרָא אֶל־אִישָׁהּ וַתֹּאמֶר שִׁלְחָה נָא לִי
אֶחָד מִן־הַנְּעָרִים וְאַחַת הָאֲתֹנוֹת וְאָרוּצָה עַד־אִישׁ
23 הָאֱלֹהִים וְאָשׁוּבָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר מַדּוּעַ אַתִּי* הֹלֶכְתִּי* אֵלָיו
הַיּוֹם לֹא־חֹדֶשׁ וְלֹא שַׁבָּת וַתֹּאמֶר שָׁלוֹם׃ כאן כס״י הספ׳
24 וַתַּחֲבֹשׁ הָאָתוֹן וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־נַעֲרָהּ נְהַג וָלֵךְ אַל־
25 תַּעֲצָר־לִי לִרְכֹּב כִּי אִם־אָמַרְתִּי לָךְ׃ וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתָּבוֹא
אֶל־אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל־הַר הַכַּרְמֶל וַיְהִי כִּרְאוֹת
אִישׁ־הָאֱלֹהִים אוֹתָהּ מִנֶּגֶד וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־גֵּיחֲזִי נַעֲרוֹ
26 הִנֵּה הַשּׁוּנַמִּית הַלָּז׃ עַתָּה רוּץ־נָא לִקְרָאתָהּ
וֶאֱמָר־לָהּ הֲשָׁלוֹם לָךְ הֲשָׁלוֹם לְאִישֵׁךְ הֲשָׁלוֹם
27 לַיָּלֶד וַתֹּאמֶר שָׁלוֹם׃ וַתָּבֹא אֶל־אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים
אֶל־הָהָר וַתַּחֲזֵק בְּרַגְלָיו וַיִּגַּשׁ גֵּיחֲזִי לְהָדְפָהּ וַיֹּאמֶר
אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים הַרְפֵּה־לָהּ כִּי־נַפְשָׁהּ מָרָה־לָהּ
28 וַיהוָה הֶעְלִים מִמֶּנִּי וְלֹא הִגִּיד לִי׃ וַתֹּאמֶר
הֲשָׁאַלְתִּי בֵן מֵאֵת אֲדֹנִי הֲלֹא אָמַרְתִּי לֹא תַשְׁלֶה
29 אֹתִי׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לְגֵיחֲזִי חֲגֹר מָתְנֶיךָ וְקַח מִשְׁעַנְתִּי
בְיָדְךָ וָלֵךְ כִּי תִמְצָא־אִישׁ לֹא תְבָרְכֶנּוּ וְכִי־יְבָרֶכְךָ
אִישׁ לֹא תַעֲנֶנּוּ וְשַׂמְתָּ מִשְׁעַנְתִּי עַל־פְּנֵי הַנָּעַר׃

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he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. 20. And he took him, and brought him to his mother, and he sat on her knees till noon, when he died. 21. And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and locked the door upon him, and went out. 22. And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the she-asses, that I may hasten to the man of God, and come again. 23. And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath;[a] and she said, It is well. [HERE THE PORTUGUESE JEWS STOP.]

24. Then she saddled a she-ass and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; do not restrain me in riding, unless I bid thee. 25. So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel; and it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gechazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite. 26. Now do run to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? and she answered, It is well. 27. And she came to the man of God to the mount, and caught him by the feet; but Gechazi came near to thrust her away; and the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is grieved within her; and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. 28. Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29. But he said to Gechazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thy hand, and go thy way; if thou meet any man salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again; and lay my staff upon the face of

[a] This passage proves the correctness of the rabbinical rule that a person should wait upon his teacher on the festival; for the husband remonstrated with the wife, that it being neither Sabbath, which includes the festivals, nor new moon, there was no cause for her going to him; and no doubt to calm his uneasiness on that account, she answered him, "It is peace," meaning, "all is well."

30 וַתֹּאמֶר אֵם הַנַּעַר חַי־יְהוָה וְחֵי־נַפְשְׁךָ אִם־אֶעֶזְבֶךָּ
31 וַיָּקָם וַיֵּלֶךְ אַחֲרֶיהָ׃ וְגֵחֲזִי עָבַר לִפְנֵיהֶם וַיָּשֶׂם
אֶת־הַמִּשְׁעֶנֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַנַּעַר וְאֵין קוֹל וְאֵין קָשֶׁב
וַיָּשָׁב לִקְרָאתוֹ וַיַּגֶּד־לוֹ לֵאמֹר לֹא הֵקִיץ הַנָּעַר׃
32 וַיָּבֹא אֱלִישָׁע הַבָּיְתָה וְהִנֵּה הַנַּעַר מֵת מֻשְׁכָּב עַל־
33 מִטָּתוֹ׃ וַיָּבֹא וַיִּסְגֹּר הַדֶּלֶת בְּעַד שְׁנֵיהֶם וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל
34 אֶל־יְהוָה׃ וַיַּעַל וַיִּשְׁכַּב עַל־הַיֶּלֶד וַיָּשֶׂם פִּיו עַל־
פִּיו וְעֵינָיו עַל־עֵינָיו וְכַפָּו* עַל־כַּפָּו וַיִּגְהַר עָלָיו וַיָּחָם
35 בְּשַׂר הַיָּלֶד׃ וַיָּשָׁב וַיֵּלֶךְ בַּבַּיִת אַחַת הֵנָּה וְאַחַת
הֵנָּה וַיַּעַל וַיִּגְהַר עָלָיו וַיְזוֹרֵר הַנַּעַר עַד־שֶׁבַע
36 פְּעָמִים וַיִּפְקַח הַנַּעַר אֶת־עֵינָיו׃ וַיִּקְרָא אֶל־גֵּיחֲזִי
וַיֹּאמֶר קְרָא אֶל־הַשֻּׁנַמִּית הַזֹּאת וַיִּקְרָאֶהָ וַתָּבוֹא
37 אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂאִי בְנֵךְ׃ וַתָּבֹא וַתִּפֹּל עַל־רַגְלָיו
וַתִּשְׁתַּחוּ אָרְצָה וַתִּשָּׂא אֶת־בְּנָהּ וַתֵּצֵא׃

הפטרת חיי שרה

במלכי׳ א׳ סימן א׳

1 וְהַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד זָקֵן בָּא בַּיָּמִים וַיְכַסֻּהוּ בַּבְּגָדִים וְלֹא
2 יִחַם לוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ עֲבָדָיו יְבַקְשׁוּ לַאדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ
נַעֲרָה בְתוּלָה וְעָמְדָה לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ וּתְהִי־לוֹ סֹכֶנֶת
3 וְשָׁכְבָה בְחֵיקֶךָ וְחַם לַאדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ׃ וַיְבַקְשׁוּ נַעֲרָה

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the child. 30. And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee; and he arose, and followed her. 31. And Gechazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing; wherefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awakened. 32. And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, laid upon his bed. 33. And he went in and locked the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. 34. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child became warm. 35. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36. And he called Gechazi, and said, Call this Shunammite; so he called her; and she came in unto him, and he said, Take up thy son. 37. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

HAPHTORAH OF CHAYE SARAH.

1 KINGS i. 1.

CHAP. I. 1. Now king David was old, stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he became not warm. 2. Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin, and let her stand before the king, and let her be an attendant on him; and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may become warm. 3. So they sought for a fair maiden

יָפָ֑ה בְּכֹ֖ל גְּב֣וּל יִשְׂרָאֵ֑ל וַֽיִּמְצְא֗וּ אֶת־אֲבִישַׁג֙
4 הַשּׁ֣וּנַמִּ֔ית וַיָּבִ֥אוּ אֹתָ֖הּ לַמֶּֽלֶךְ׃ וְהַנַּעֲרָ֖ה יָפָ֣ה עַד־
מְאֹ֑ד וַתְּהִ֨י לַמֶּ֤לֶךְ סֹכֶ֙נֶת֙ וַתְּשָׁ֣רְתֵ֔הוּ וְהַמֶּ֖לֶךְ לֹ֥א
5 יְדָעָֽהּ׃ וַאֲדֹנִיָּ֧ה בֶן־חַגִּ֛ית מִתְנַשֵּׂ֥א לֵאמֹ֖ר אֲנִ֣י
אֶמְלֹ֑ךְ וַיַּ֣עַשׂ ל֗וֹ רֶ֚כֶב וּפָ֣רָשִׁ֔ים וַחֲמִשִּׁ֥ים אִ֖ישׁ רָצִ֥ים
6 לְפָנָֽיו׃ וְלֹֽא־עֲצָב֨וֹ אָבִ֤יו מִיָּמָיו֙ לֵאמֹ֔ר מַדּ֖וּעַ
כָּ֣כָה עָשִׂ֑יתָ וְגַם־ה֤וּא טֽוֹב־תֹּ֙אַר֙ מְאֹ֔ד וְאֹת֥וֹ יָלְדָ֖ה
7 אַחֲרֵ֥י אַבְשָׁלֽוֹם׃ וַיִּהְי֣וּ דְבָרָ֔יו עִ֖ם יוֹאָ֣ב בֶּן־צְרוּיָ֑ה
8 וְעִם֙ אֶבְיָתָ֣ר הַכֹּהֵ֔ן וַֽיַּעְזְר֔וּ אַחֲרֵ֖י אֲדֹנִיָּֽה׃ וְצָד֣וֹק
הַ֠כֹּהֵן וּבְנָיָ֨הוּ בֶן־יְהוֹיָדָ֜ע וְנָתָ֣ן הַנָּבִ֗יא וְשִׁמְעִי֙ וְרֵעִ֔י
9 וְהַגִּבּוֹרִ֖ים אֲשֶׁ֣ר לְדָוִ֑ד לֹ֥א הָי֖וּ עִם־אֲדֹנִיָּֽהוּ׃ וַיִּזְבַּ֣ח
אֲדֹנִיָּ֗הוּ צֹ֤אן וּבָקָר֙ וּמְרִ֔יא עִ֚ם אֶ֣בֶן הַזֹּחֶ֔לֶת אֲשֶׁר־
אֵ֖צֶל עֵ֣ין רֹגֵ֑ל וַיִּקְרָ֗א אֶת־כָּל־אֶחָיו֙ בְּנֵ֣י הַמֶּ֔לֶךְ וּלְכָל־
10 אַנְשֵׁ֥י יְהוּדָ֖ה עַבְדֵ֥י הַמֶּֽלֶךְ׃ וְאֶת־נָתָ֨ן הַנָּבִ֜יא
וּבְנָיָ֧הוּ וְאֶת־הַגִּבּוֹרִ֛ים וְאֶת־שְׁלֹמֹ֥ה אָחִ֖יו לֹ֥א קָרָֽא׃
11 וַיֹּ֣אמֶר נָתָ֗ן אֶל־בַּת־שֶׁ֤בַע אֵם־שְׁלֹמֹה֙ לֵאמֹ֔ר הֲל֣וֹא
שָׁמַ֔עַתְּ כִּ֥י מָלַ֖ךְ אֲדֹנִיָּ֣הוּ בֶן־חַגִּ֑ית וַאֲדֹנֵ֥ינוּ דָוִ֖ד לֹ֥א
12 יָדָֽע׃ וְעַתָּ֕ה לְכִ֛י אִיעָצֵ֥ךְ נָ֖א עֵצָ֑ה וּמַלְּטִי֙ אֶת־נַפְשֵׁ֔ךְ
13 וְאֶת־נֶ֖פֶשׁ בְּנֵ֥ךְ שְׁלֹמֹֽה׃ לְכִ֞י וּבֹ֣אִי ׀ אֶל־הַמֶּ֣לֶךְ דָּוִ֗ד
וְאָמַ֤רְתְּ אֵלָיו֙ הֲלֹֽא־אַתָּ֞ה אֲדֹנִ֣י הַמֶּ֗לֶךְ נִשְׁבַּ֤עְתָּ
לַאֲמָֽתְךָ֙ לֵאמֹ֔ר כִּֽי־שְׁלֹמֹ֤ה בְנֵךְ֙ יִמְלֹ֣ךְ אַחֲרַ֔י וְה֖וּא

throughout all the bounds of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4. And the damsel was very fair, and she became an attendant on the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her not. 5. Then Adoniyah the son of Chaggith exalted himself, saying, I shall be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6. And his father had never grieved him in all his life in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was of a very goodly form; and his mother bore him after Absalom.[a] 7. And he conferred with Yoab the son of Zeruyah, and with Ebyathar the priest: and they, following Adoniyah, helped him. 8. But Zadok the priest, and Benayah the son of Yehoyada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men that belonged to David, were not with Adoniyah. 9. And Adoniyah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zocheleth, which is by En-rogel, and called all his brothers the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: 10. But Nathan the prophet, and Benayah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. 11. And Nathan spoke unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adoniyah the son of Chaggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? 12. Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thy own life,[b] and the life of thy son Solomon. 13. Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thy handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and only he

[a] Meaning, that the mother of Adoniyah bore him, after Absalom had been born by his mother, since they were half-brothers only.

[b] This would seem to indicate that with the commencement of the kingdom, there was danger of introducing the cruel practice even now prevailing in the East, that at almost every accession the reigning monarch destroys those who can be injurious to him.

14 יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסְאִי וּמַדּוּעַ מָלַךְ אֲדֹנִיָּהוּ׃ הִנֵּה עוֹדָךְ
מְדַבֶּרֶת שָׁם עִם־הַמֶּלֶךְ וַאֲנִי אָבוֹא אַחֲרַיִךְ
15 וּמִלֵּאתִי אֶת־דְּבָרָיִךְ׃ וַתָּבֹא בַת־שֶׁבַע אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ
הַחַדְרָה וְהַמֶּלֶךְ זָקֵן מְאֹד וַאֲבִישַׁג הַשּׁוּנַמִּית
16 מְשָׁרַת אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ׃ וַתִּקֹּד בַּת־שֶׁבַע וַתִּשְׁתַּחוּ
17 לַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ מַה־לָּךְ׃ וַתֹּאמֶר לוֹ אֲדֹנִי
אַתָּה נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ בַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לַאֲמָתֶךָ כִּי־שְׁלֹמֹה
18 בְנֵךְ יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרָי וְהוּא יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסְאִי׃ וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה
19 אֲדֹנִיָּה מָלָךְ וְעַתָּה אֲדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ לֹא יָדָעְתָּ׃ וַיִּזְבַּח
שׁוֹר וּמְרִיא־וְצֹאן לָרֹב וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־בְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ
וּלְאֶבְיָתָר הַכֹּהֵן וּלְיֹאָב שַׂר הַצָּבָא וְלִשְׁלֹמֹה עַבְדְּךָ
20 לֹא קָרָא׃ וְאַתָּה אֲדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ עֵינֵי כָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל
עָלֶיךָ לְהַגִּיד לָהֶם מִי יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסֵּא אֲדֹנִי־הַמֶּלֶךְ
21 אַחֲרָיו׃ וְהָיָה כִּשְׁכַּב אֲדֹנִי־הַמֶּלֶךְ עִם־אֲבֹתָיו
22 וְהָיִיתִי אֲנִי וּבְנִי שְׁלֹמֹה חַטָּאִים׃ וְהִנֵּה עוֹדֶנָּה
23 מְדַבֶּרֶת עִם־הַמֶּלֶךְ וְנָתָן הַנָּבִיא בָּא׃ וַיַּגִּידוּ לַמֶּלֶךְ
לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה נָתָן הַנָּבִיא וַיָּבֹא לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ
24 לַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־אַפָּיו אָרְצָה׃ וַיֹּאמֶר נָתָן אֲדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ
אַתָּה אָמַרְתָּ אֲדֹנִיָּהוּ יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרָי וְהוּא יֵשֵׁב עַל־
25 כִּסְאִי׃ כִּי ׀ יָרַד הַיּוֹם וַיִּזְבַּח שׁוֹר וּמְרִיא־וְצֹאן לָרֹב
וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־בְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ וּלְשָׂרֵי הַצָּבָא וּלְאֶבְיָתָר

shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adoniyah reign? 14. Behold, while thou yet shalt be talking there with the king, I myself will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. 15. And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber, and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering unto the king. 16. And Bath-sheba bowed, and prostrated herself unto the king; and the king said, What wouldest thou? 17. And she said unto him, My lord, thou didst swear by the Lord thy God unto thy handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and only he shall sit upon my throne. 18. And now, behold, Adoniyah reigneth; and now, my lord, O king, thou knowest it not: 19. And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Ebyathar the priest, and Yoab the captain of the army; but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. 20. And as for thee my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21. Otherwise it would come to pass, when my lord the king sleepeth with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders. 22. And, lo, while she was yet talking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 23. And they told the king, saying, Behold, here is Nathan the prophet; and when he was come in before the king, he prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24. And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adoniyah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? 25. For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the army, and Ebyathar

הַכֹּהֵן וְהִנָּם אֹכְלִים וְשֹׁתִים לְפָנָיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ יְחִי
26 הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲדֹנִיָּהוּ׃ וְלִי אֲנִי־עַבְדֶּךָ וּלְצָדֹק הַכֹּהֵן
27 וְלִבְנָיָהוּ בֶן־יְהוֹיָדָע וְלִשְׁלֹמֹה עַבְדְּךָ לֹא קָרָא׃ אִם
מֵאֵת אֲדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ נִהְיָה הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה וְלֹא
הוֹדַעְתָּ אֶת־עַבְדֶּיךָ* מִי יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסֵּא אֲדֹנִי־הַמֶּלֶךְ
28 אַחֲרָיו׃ וַיַּעַן הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד וַיֹּאמֶר קִרְאוּ־לִי לְבַת־שָׁבַע
29 וַתָּבֹא לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַתַּעֲמֹד לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ׃ וַיִּשָּׁבַע
הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמַר חַי־יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר־פָּדָה אֶת־נַפְשִׁי
30 מִכָּל־צָרָה׃ כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לָךְ בַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר כִּי־שְׁלֹמֹה בְנֵךְ יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרַי וְהוּא
יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסְאִי תַּחְתָּי כִּי כֵּן אֶעֱשֶׂה הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה׃
31 וַתִּקֹּד בַּת־שֶׁבַע אַפַּיִם אֶרֶץ וַתִּשְׁתַּחוּ לַמֶּלֶךְ
וַתֹּאמֶר יְחִי אֲדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד לְעֹלָם׃

הפטרת תולדת יצחק

בתרי עשר במלאכי סימן א׳

1 2 מַשָּׂא דְבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּיַד מַלְאָכִי׃ אָהַבְתִּי
אֶתְכֶם אָמַר יְהוָה וַאֲמַרְתֶּם בַּמָּה אֲהַבְתָּנוּ הֲלוֹא־
3 אָח עֵשָׂו לְיַעֲקֹב נְאֻם־יְהוָה וָאֹהַב אֶת־יַעֲקֹב׃ וְאֶת־
עֵשָׂו שָׂנֵאתִי וָאָשִׂים אֶת־הָרָיו שְׁמָמָה וְאֶת־נַחֲלָתוֹ
4 לְתַנּוֹת מִדְבָּר׃ כִּי־תֹאמַר אֱדוֹם רֻשַּׁשְׁנוּ וְנָשׁוּב

* עבדך קרי

the priest; and, behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and say, God save[a] king Adoniyah. 26. But as for me, me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benayah the son of Yehoyada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. 27. Can it be that this hath been done by order of my lord the king, and thou hast not informed thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? 28. Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba; and she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. 29. And the king swore and said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, 30. Even as I have sworn unto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and only he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. 31. Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and prostrated herself unto the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

HAPHTORAH OF TOLEDOTH.

Malachi i. 1.

CHAP. I. 1. The message of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. 2. I have loved you, saith the Lord, yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Is not Esau brother to Jacob? saith the Lord, yet I loved Jacob; 3. And Esau I hated, and I made his mountains a desert, and his heritage a dwelling for the monsters of the wilderness. 4. Should now Edom say, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith

[a] Heb. "May king Adoniyah live."

וְנִבְנֶה חֳרָבוֹת כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת הֵמָּה יִבְנוּ
וַאֲנִי אֶהֱרוֹס וְקָרְאוּ לָהֶם גְּבוּל רִשְׁעָה וְהָעָם אֲשֶׁר־
5 זָעַם יְהוָה עַד־עוֹלָם׃ וְעֵינֵיכֶם תִּרְאֶינָה וְאַתֶּם
6 תֹּאמְרוּ יִגְדַּל יְהוָה מֵעַל לִגְבוּל יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ בֵּן יְכַבֵּד
אָב וְעֶבֶד אֲדֹנָיו וְאִם־אָב אָנִי אַיֵּה כְבוֹדִי וְאִם־
אֲדוֹנִים אָנִי אַיֵּה מוֹרָאִי אָמַר ׀ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת לָכֶם
הַכֹּהֲנִים בּוֹזֵי שְׁמִי וַאֲמַרְתֶּם בַּמֶּה בָזִינוּ אֶת־שְׁמֶךָ׃
7 מַגִּישִׁים עַל־מִזְבְּחִי לֶחֶם מְגֹאָל וַאֲמַרְתֶּם בַּמֶּה
8 גֵאַלְנוּךָ בֶּאֱמָרְכֶם שֻׁלְחַן יְהוָה נִבְזֶה הוּא׃ וְכִי־
תַגִּשׁוּן עִוֵּר לִזְבֹּחַ אֵין רָע וְכִי תַגִּישׁוּ פִּסֵּחַ וְחֹלֶה אֵין
רָע הַקְרִיבֵהוּ נָא לְפֶחָתֶךָ הֲיִרְצְךָ אוֹ הֲיִשָּׂא פָנֶיךָ
9 אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת׃ וְעַתָּה חַלּוּ־נָא פְנֵי־אֵל וִיחָנֵנוּ
מִיֶּדְכֶם הָיְתָה זֹּאת הֲיִשָּׂא מִכֶּם פָּנִים אָמַר יְהוָה
10 צְבָאוֹת׃ מִי גַם־בָּכֶם וְיִסְגֹּר דְּלָתַיִם וְלֹא־תָאִירוּ
מִזְבְּחִי חִנָּם אֵין־לִי חֵפֶץ בָּכֶם אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת
11 וּמִנְחָה לֹא־אֶרְצֶה מִיֶּדְכֶם׃ כִּי מִמִּזְרַח־שֶׁמֶשׁ וְעַד־
מְבוֹאוֹ גָּדוֹל שְׁמִי בַּגּוֹיִם וּבְכָל־מָקוֹם מֻקְטָר מֻגָּשׁ
לִשְׁמִי וּמִנְחָה טְהוֹרָה כִּי־גָדוֹל שְׁמִי בַּגּוֹיִם אָמַר
12 יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת׃ וְאַתֶּם מְחַלְּלִים אוֹתוֹ בֶּאֱמָרְכֶם
13 שֻׁלְחַן אֲדֹנָי מְגֹאָל הוּא וְנִיבוֹ נִבְזֶה אָכְלוֹ׃ וַאֲמַרְתֶּם
הִנֵּה מַתְּלָאָה וְהִפַּחְתֶּם אוֹתוֹ אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת

the Lord of hosts, They may build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the Lord hath indignation for ever. 5. And your eyes shall see it, and ye shall say, The Lord will be magnified upon the border of Israel. 6. A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is my honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name; and ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 7. Ye offer upon my altar polluted bread; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible. 8. And if ye bring the blind for sacrifice, is this not evil? and if ye bring the lame and sick, is this not evil? do but present it unto thy governor, will he be pleased with thee, or receive thee friendly? saith the Lord of hosts. 9. And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us; from your hand hath this thing been; will he receive one of you in favour? saith the Lord of hosts. 10. O that there were some one[a] among you that would lock up the doors, that ye might not light up my altar for nought; I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept in favour an offering from your hand. 11. For from the rising of the sun even unto his going down my name is great among the nations; and in every place incense is burnt and there is offered unto my name, even a pure offering; for great is my name among the nations, saith the Lord of hosts. 12. But ye profane it; in that ye say, The table of the Lord is polluted, and by the assertion, His food is contemptible. 13. Ye said also, Behold what a weariness is it! and ye left it famishing, saith the

[a] This version is according to Rashi. Arnheim refers this to "present it unto thy governor;" translating the last part of the preceding

וַהֲבֵאתֶם גָּזוּל וְאֶת־הַפִּסֵּחַ וְאֶת־הַחוֹלֶה וַהֲבֵאתֶם
אֶת־הַמִּנְחָה הַאֶרְצֶה אוֹתָהּ מִיֶּדְכֶם אָמַר יְהוָה׃
14 וְאָרוּר נוֹכֵל וְיֵשׁ בְּעֶדְרוֹ זָכָר וְנֹדֵר וְזֹבֵחַ מָשְׁחָת
לַאדֹנָי כִּי מֶלֶךְ גָּדוֹל אָנִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת וּשְׁמִי
ב 1 נוֹרָא בַגּוֹיִם׃ וְעַתָּה אֲלֵיכֶם הַמִּצְוָה הַזֹּאת הַכֹּהֲנִים׃
2 אִם־לֹא תִשְׁמְעוּ וְאִם־לֹא תָשִׂימוּ עַל־לֵב לָתֵת
כָּבוֹד לִשְׁמִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת וְשִׁלַּחְתִּי בָכֶם אֶת־
הַמְּאֵרָה וְאָרוֹתִי אֶת־בִּרְכוֹתֵיכֶם וְגַם אָרוֹתִיהָ כִּי
3 אֵינְכֶם שָׂמִים עַל־לֵב׃ הִנְנִי גֹעֵר לָכֶם אֶת־הַזֶּרַע
וְזֵרִיתִי פֶרֶשׁ עַל־פְּנֵיכֶם פֶּרֶשׁ חַגֵּיכֶם וְנָשָׂא אֶתְכֶם
4 אֵלָיו׃ וִידַעְתֶּם כִּי שִׁלַּחְתִּי אֲלֵיכֶם אֵת הַמִּצְוָה
הַזֹּאת לִהְיוֹת בְּרִיתִי אֶת־לֵוִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת׃
5 בְּרִיתִי ׀ הָיְתָה אִתּוֹ הַחַיִּים וְהַשָּׁלוֹם וָאֶתְּנֵם־לוֹ
6 מוֹרָא וַיִּירָאֵנִי וּמִפְּנֵי שְׁמִי נִחַת הוּא׃ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת
הָיְתָה בְּפִיהוּ וְעַוְלָה לֹא־נִמְצָא בִשְׂפָתָיו בְּשָׁלוֹם
7 וּבְמִישׁוֹר הָלַךְ אִתִּי וְרַבִּים הֵשִׁיב מֵעָוֹן׃ כִּי־שִׂפְתֵי
כֹהֵן יִשְׁמְרוּ־דַעַת וְתוֹרָה יְבַקְשׁוּ מִפִּיהוּ כִּי מַלְאַךְ
יְהוָה־צְבָאוֹת הוּא׃

LORD of hosts; and ye brought what was plundered, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. 14. But cursed be the deceiver, who hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing; for I am a great king, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is fearful among the nations.
CHAP. II.
1. And now, this commandment is for you, O ye priests. 2. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I curse the same,[a] because ye do not lay it to heart. 3. Behold, I will corrupt unto you the seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your festive offerings; and one shall take[b] you away with it. 4. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 5. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found on his lips; in peace and equity he walked with me, and many did he turn away from iniquity. 7. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and the law they should seek at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

verse: "Who of you would receive in favour the giver of such a present?" And then continues, "Each of you would even lock up the doors" against such an intrusion; and then he adds, "So then light not up," &c. But RASHI's exposition of this difficult text appears to be the best.

[a] ARNHEIM ingeniously refers ארותיה to the elliptical הארץ the earth, "the very earth I curse."

[b] ARNHEIM gives the last phrase thus: "And when this (punishment) hath carried you to him, then shall you understand," &c.

בק"ק פפד"מ ורוב אשכנז מפטירין בפ' ויצא ויברח יעקב שבסמוך ואין אומרין כלל ועמי תלואים

בהושע סימן י"א

7 וְעַמִּי תְלוּאִים לִמְשׁוּבָתִי וְאֶל־עַל יִקְרָאֻהוּ יַחַד
8 לֹא יְרוֹמֵם׃ אֵיךְ אֶתֶּנְךָ אֶפְרַיִם אֲמַגֶּנְךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֵיךְ אֶתֶּנְךָ כְאַדְמָה אֲשִׂימְךָ כִּצְבֹאיִם נֶהְפַּךְ עָלַי
9 לִבִּי יַחַד נִכְמְרוּ נִחוּמָי׃ לֹא אֶעֱשֶׂה חֲרוֹן אַפִּי לֹא
אָשׁוּב לְשַׁחֵת אֶפְרָיִם כִּי אֵל אָנֹכִי וְלֹא־אִישׁ
10 בְּקִרְבְּךָ קָדוֹשׁ וְלֹא אָבוֹא בְּעִיר׃ אַחֲרֵי יְהוָה יֵלְכוּ
כְּאַרְיֵה יִשְׁאָג כִּי־הוּא יִשְׁאַג וְיֶחֶרְדוּ בָנִים מִיָּם׃
11 יֶחֶרְדוּ כְצִפּוֹר מִמִּצְרַיִם וּכְיוֹנָה מֵאֶרֶץ אַשּׁוּר
יב 1 וְהוֹשַׁבְתִּים עַל־בָּתֵּיהֶם נְאֻם־יְהוָה׃ סְבָבֻנִי בְכַחַשׁ
אֶפְרַיִם וּבְמִרְמָה בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וִיהוּדָה עֹד רָד עִם־
2 אֵל וְעִם־קְדוֹשִׁים נֶאֱמָן׃ אֶפְרַיִם רֹעֶה רוּחַ וְרֹדֵף
קָדִים כָּל־הַיּוֹם כָּזָב וָשֹׁד יַרְבֶּה וּבְרִית עִם־אַשּׁוּר
3 יִכְרֹתוּ וְשֶׁמֶן לְמִצְרַיִם יוּבָל׃ וְרִיב לַיהוָה עִם־
יְהוּדָה וְלִפְקֹד עַל־יַעֲקֹב כִּדְרָכָיו כְּמַעֲלָלָיו יָשִׁיב
לוֹ׃ בַּבֶּטֶן עָקַב אֶת־אָחִיו וּבְאוֹנוֹ שָׂרָה אֶת־אֱלֹהִים׃
5 וַיָּשַׂר אֶל־מַלְאָךְ וַיֻּכָל בָּכָה וַיִּתְחַנֶּן־לוֹ בֵּית־אֵל
6 יִמְצָאֶנּוּ וְשָׁם יְדַבֵּר עִמָּנוּ׃ וַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הַצְּבָאוֹת

HAPHTORAH OF VAYETZAY,

ACCORDING TO THE PORTUGUESE JEWS, AND OF VAYISHLACH, ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS.

HOSEA xi. 7.

7. My people are bent to backsliding from me; and though to the Most High they call them back, there is none that will extol him. 8. How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I render thee as Zeboyim? my heart is turned within me, all my compassion is enkindled. 9. I will not execute the fierceness of my anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim: for God I am, and not man, the Holy One in the midst of thee, and I will not come with wrathful terrors. 10. They shall walk after the LORD, when he will roar like a lion; for he will roar, and the children shall hasten together from the west. 11. They shall hasten together as birds out of Egypt, and as doves out of the land of Assyria; and I will cause them to dwell in their houses, saith the LORD. CHAP. XII. 1. With lies does Ephraim compass me about, and with deceit the house of Israel; but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful to the Holy One. 2. Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind, the whole day he increaseth deceit and corruption; and a covenant they do make with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt. 3. But with Judah also hath the LORD a controversy; and to visit on Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. 4. In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his strength he contended with an angel. 5. Yea, he strove with an angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication unto him; in Beth-el he should find him, and there he will speak with us. 6. Even

7 יְהוָה זִכְרוֹ׃ וְאַתָּה בֵּאלֹהֶיךָ תָשׁוּב חֶסֶד וּמִשְׁפָּט
8 שְׁמֹר וְקַוֵּה אֶל־אֱלֹהֶיךָ תָּמִיד׃ כְּנַעַן בְּיָדוֹ מֹאזְנֵי
9 מִרְמָה לַעֲשֹׁק אָהֵב׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶפְרַיִם אַךְ עָשַׁרְתִּי
מָצָאתִי אוֹן לִי כָּל־יְגִיעַי לֹא יִמְצְאוּ־לִי עָוֺן אֲשֶׁר־
10 חֵטְא׃ וְאָנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם עֹד
11 אוֹשִׁיבְךָ בָאֳהָלִים כִּימֵי מוֹעֵד׃ וְדִבַּרְתִּי עַל־
הַנְּבִיאִים וְאָנֹכִי חָזוֹן הִרְבֵּיתִי וּבְיַד הַנְּבִיאִים
12 אֲדַמֶּה׃ אִם־גִּלְעָד אָוֶן אַךְ־שָׁוְא הָיוּ בַּגִּלְגָּל שְׁוָרִים
זִבֵּחוּ גַּם מִזְבְּחוֹתָם כְּגַלִּים עַל תַּלְמֵי שָׂדָי׃

כאן מתחילין האשכנזים הפטרת וישלח אבל בק"ק פפד"מ ורוב אשכנז
מפטירין בפ' וישלח חזון עובדיה דלקמן

13 וַיִּבְרַח יַעֲקֹב שְׂדֵה אֲרָם וַיַּעֲבֹד יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאִשָּׁה
14 וּבְאִשָּׁה שָׁמָר׃ וּבְנָבִיא הֶעֱלָה יְהוָה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל
15 מִמִּצְרָיִם וּבְנָבִיא נִשְׁמָר׃ הִכְעִיס אֶפְרַיִם
יג תַּמְרוּרִים וְדָמָיו עָלָיו יִטּוֹשׁ וְחֶרְפָּתוֹ יָשִׁיב לוֹ
1 אֲדֹנָיו׃ כְּדַבֵּר אֶפְרַיִם רְתֵת נָשָׂא הוּא בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל
2 וַיֶּאְשַׁם בַּבַּעַל וַיָּמֹת׃ וְעַתָּה ׀ יוֹסִפוּ לַחֲטֹא וַיַּעֲשׂוּ
לָהֶם מַסֵּכָה מִכַּסְפָּם כִּתְבוּנָם עֲצַבִּים מַעֲשֵׂה
חָרָשִׁים כֻּלֹּה לָהֶם הֵם אֹמְרִים זֹבְחֵי אָדָם עֲגָלִים
3 יִשָּׁקוּן׃ לָכֵן יִהְיוּ כַּעֲנַן־בֹּקֶר וְכַטַּל מַשְׁכִּים הֹלֵךְ

כלו קרי

the Lord God of hosts; the Eternal One is his memorial.
7. Therefore turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and
justice, and wait on thy God continually. 8. Like a
merchant, who hath the balances of deceit in his hand,
loving to overreach, 9. Did Ephraim say, I am certainly
become rich, I have acquired substance unto myself: it is
all through my labours; they will find no iniquity in me, no
sin. 10. And I am the Lord thy God from the land of
Egypt, I will yet make thee dwell in tabernacles, as in the
days of the assembly. 11. And I have spoken through the
prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and by the ministry
of the prophets I have used similitudes. 12. If in Gilead
there was iniquity, naught but idolatry; if they sacrificed
bullocks in Gilgal: their altars also are as heaps in the
furrows of the fields.

HAPHTORAH OF VAYETZAY, ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN JEWS.

Hosea xii. 13.

13. And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel
served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep. 14. And
by a prophet did the Lord bring Israel out of Egypt, and
by a prophet was he guarded. 15. Ephraim provoked him
to anger most bitterly; therefore will his Lord leave his
blood upon him, and his reproach he will return unto him.

CHAP. XIII.
1. When once Ephraim spoke all trembled,
so high was he exalted in Israel; but when
he offended in Baal, he died. 2. And now they yet con-
tinue to sin, and have made themselves molten images of
their silver, idols according to their own imagining, every
one of them the work of the artizan: they say of them,
They that sacrifice men may kiss the calves. 3. There-
fore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the dew
that early passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with

4 כְּמֹץ יְסֹעֵר מִגֹּרֶן וּכְעָשָׁן מֵאֲרֻבָּה׃ וְאָנֹכִי יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וֵאלֹהִים זוּלָתִי לֹא תֵדָע
5 וּמוֹשִׁיעַ אַיִן בִּלְתִּי׃ אֲנִי יְדַעְתִּיךָ בַּמִּדְבָּר בְּאֶרֶץ
6 תַּלְאֻבוֹת׃ כְּמַרְעִיתָם וַיִּשְׂבָּעוּ שָׂבְעוּ וַיָּרָם לִבָּם
7 עַל־כֵּן שְׁכֵחוּנִי׃ וָאֱהִי לָהֶם כְּמוֹ־שָׁחַל כְּנָמֵר עַל־
8 דֶּרֶךְ אָשׁוּר׃ אֶפְגְּשֵׁם כְּדֹב שַׁכּוּל וְאֶקְרַע סְגוֹר
לִבָּם וְאֹכְלֵם שָׁם כְּלָבִיא חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה תְּבַקְּעֵם׃
9 10 שִׁחֶתְךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי־בִי בְעֶזְרֶךָ׃ אֱהִי מַלְכְּךָ אֵפוֹא
וְיוֹשִׁיעֲךָ בְּכָל־עָרֶיךָ וְשֹׁפְטֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתָּ תְּנָה־
11 לִּי מֶלֶךְ וְשָׂרִים׃ אֶתֶּן־לְךָ מֶלֶךְ בְּאַפִּי וְאֶקַּח
12 13 בְּעֶבְרָתִי׃ צָרוּר עֲוֺן אֶפְרָיִם צְפוּנָה חַטָּאתוֹ׃ חֶבְלֵי
יוֹלֵדָה יָבֹאוּ לוֹ הוּא־בֵן לֹא חָכָם כִּי־עֵת לֹא־יַעֲמֹד
14 בְּמִשְׁבַּר בָּנִים׃ מִיַּד שְׁאוֹל אֶפְדֵּם מִמָּוֶת אֶגְאָלֵם
אֱהִי דְבָרֶיךָ מָוֶת אֱהִי קָטָבְךָ שְׁאוֹל נֹחַם יִסָּתֵר
15 מֵעֵינָי׃ כִּי הוּא בֵּין אַחִים יַפְרִיא יָבוֹא קָדִים רוּחַ
יְהוָה מִמִּדְבָּר עֹלֶה וְיֵבוֹשׁ מְקוֹרוֹ וְיֶחֱרַב מַעְיָנוֹ הוּא
יד 1 יִשְׁסֶה אוֹצַר כָּל־כְּלִי חֶמְדָּה׃ תֶּאְשַׁם שֹׁמְרוֹן כִּי
מָרְתָה בֵּאלֹהֶיהָ בַּחֶרֶב יִפְּלוּ עֹלְלֵיהֶם יְרֻטָּשׁוּ
2 וְהָרִיּוֹתָיו יְבֻקָּעוּ׃ שׁוּבָה יִשְׂרָאֵל עַד יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
3 כִּי כָשַׁלְתָּ בַּעֲוֺנֶךָ׃ קְחוּ עִמָּכֶם דְּבָרִים וְשׁוּבוּ אֶל־

the whirlwind out of the thrashing-floor, and as the smoke out of a window. 4. Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt; and thou shalt know no god but me, and there is no saviour beside me. 5. I did provide for thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6. When they came to their pasture, they became sated; they were filled, and their heart grew exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. 7. Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I lie in wait. 8. I will meet them as a bear bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart; and there will I devour them like a lioness, the wild beast shall tear them. 9. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; for in me alone is thy help. 10. Where now is thy king, that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? 11. I gave thee a king in my anger, and took him away in my wrath. 12. Bound up is the iniquity of Ephraim, treasured up his sin. 13. The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him; he is an unwise son; for he will not remain steadfast at the time of the breaking forth of children. 14. From the power of the grave would I ransom them, from death would I redeem them; (but now) where are thy plagues, O death, where is thy pestilence, O grave? compassion shall be hid from my eyes. 15. Though he be fruitful in green meadows, the east wind shall come, the wind of the Lord, rising up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: the same shall spoil the treasure of all precious vessels.

CHAP. XIV. 1. Samaria shall meet her punishment, for she hath rebelled against her God; by the sword shall they fall: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up. 2. Return, O Israel, unto the Lord thy God;

יְהוָ֑ה אִמְר֣וּ אֵלָ֗יו כָּל־תִּשָּׂ֤א עָוֺן֙ וְקַח־ט֔וֹב וּנְשַׁלְּמָ֥ה
4 פָרִ֖ים שְׂפָתֵֽינוּ׃ אַשּׁ֣וּר ׀ לֹ֣א יוֹשִׁיעֵ֗נוּ עַל־סוּס֙ לֹ֣א
נִרְכָּ֔ב וְלֹא־נֹ֥אמַר ע֛וֹד אֱלֹהֵ֖ינוּ לְמַעֲשֵׂ֣ה יָדֵ֑ינוּ אֲשֶׁר־
5 בְּךָ֖ יְרֻחַ֥ם יָתֽוֹם׃ אֶרְפָּא֙ מְשׁ֣וּבָתָ֔ם אֹהֲבֵ֖ם נְדָבָ֑ה
6 כִּ֛י שָׁ֥ב אַפִּ֖י מִמֶּֽנּוּ׃ אֶהְיֶ֤ה כַטַּל֙ לְיִשְׂרָאֵ֔ל יִפְרַ֖ח
7 כַּשּׁוֹשַׁנָּ֑ה וְיַ֥ךְ שָׁרָשָׁ֖יו כַּלְּבָנֽוֹן׃ יֵֽלְכוּ֙ יֹֽנְקוֹתָ֔יו וִיהִ֥י
8 כַזַּ֖יִת הוֹד֑וֹ וְרֵ֥יחַ ל֖וֹ כַּלְּבָנֽוֹן׃ יָשֻׁ֙בוּ֙ יֹשְׁבֵ֣י בְצִלּ֔וֹ יְחַיּ֥וּ
9 דָגָ֖ן וְיִפְרְח֣וּ כַגָּ֑פֶן זִכְר֖וֹ כְּיֵ֥ין לְבָנֽוֹן׃ אֶפְרַ֕יִם מַה־לִּ֥י
ע֖וֹד לָעֲצַבִּ֑ים אֲנִ֧י עָנִ֣יתִי וַאֲשׁוּרֶ֗נּוּ אֲנִי֙ כִּבְר֣וֹשׁ רַעֲנָ֔ן
10 מִמֶּ֖נִּי פֶּרְיְךָ֥ נִמְצָֽא׃ מִ֤י חָכָם֙ וְיָ֣בֵֽן אֵ֔לֶּה נָב֖וֹן
וְיֵֽדָעֵ֑ם כִּֽי יְשָׁרִ֞ים דַּרְכֵ֣י יְהוָ֗ה וְצַדִּקִים֙ יֵ֣לְכוּ בָ֔ם
וּפֹשְׁעִ֖ים יִכָּ֥שְׁלוּ בָֽם׃

הפטרת וישלח

הפטרת וישלח כמנהג ספרדים וק״ק פפר״מ

בתרי עשר בעבדיה סימן א׳

1 חֲז֖וֹן עֹֽבַדְיָ֑ה כֹּֽה־אָמַר֩ אֲדֹנָ֨י יְהוִ֜ה לֶאֱד֗וֹם שְׁמוּעָ֨ה
שָׁמַ֜עְנוּ מֵאֵ֣ת יְהוָ֗ה וְצִיר֙ בַּגּוֹיִ֣ם שֻׁלָּ֔ח ק֛וּמוּ וְנָק֥וּמָה
2 עָלֶ֖יהָ לַמִּלְחָמָֽה׃ הִנֵּ֥ה קָטֹ֛ן נְתַתִּ֖יךָ בַּגּוֹיִ֑ם בָּז֥וּי
3 אַתָּ֖ה מְאֹֽד׃ זְד֤וֹן לִבְּךָ֙ הִשִּׁיאֶ֔ךָ שֹׁכְנִ֥י בְחַגְוֵי־סֶ֖לַע

for thou hast fallen by thy iniquity. 3. Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Pardoner of the iniquity of all men, accept our return to good; and let us repay the steers of sacrifice with the prayer of our lips. 4. Asshur shall not help us; upon horses will we not ride: and we will no more say, Ye are our gods, to the work of our hands: for in thee alone the fatherless obtaineth mercy. 5. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from him. 6. I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily; and he shall strike his roots as (the forests of) Lebanon. 7. His suckers shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. 8. They shall return that sat under his shadow; they shall revive as corn, and bloom as the vine: the scent of which shall be as the wine of Lebanon. 9. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard, and will observe him; I am like a green fir-tree; through me is thy fruit found. 10. Who is wise, that he may understand these things? prudent, that he may know them? for righteous are the ways of the LORD, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein.

HAPHTORAH OF VAYISHLACH,

ACCORDING TO THE PORTUGUESE JEWS.

OBADIAH i. 1.

1. The vision of Obadiah: Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom: A rumour have we heard from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her to war. 2. Behold, I have made thee small among the nations: thou art greatly despised. 3. The pride of thy heart hath beguiled thee,

4 מָרוֹם שִׁבְתּוֹ אֹמֵר בְּלִבּוֹ מִי יוֹרִדֵנִי אָרֶץ׃ אִם־
תַּגְבִּיהַּ כַּנֶּשֶׁר וְאִם־בֵּין כּוֹכָבִים שִׂים קִנֶּךָ מִשָּׁם
5 אוֹרִידְךָ נְאֻם־יְהוָה׃ אִם־גַּנָּבִים בָּאוּ לְךָ אִם־
שׁוֹדְדֵי לַיְלָה אֵיךְ נִדְמֵיתָה הֲלוֹא יִגְנְבוּ דַּיָּם אִם־
6 בֹּצְרִים בָּאוּ לָךְ הֲלוֹא יַשְׁאִירוּ עֹלֵלוֹת׃ אֵיךְ נֶחְפְּשׂוּ
7 עֵשָׂו נִבְעוּ מַצְפֻּנָיו׃ עַד־הַגְּבוּל שִׁלְּחוּךָ כֹּל אַנְשֵׁי
בְרִיתֶךָ הִשִּׁיאוּךָ יָכְלוּ לְךָ אַנְשֵׁי שְׁלֹמֶךָ לַחְמְךָ
8 יָשִׂימוּ מָזוֹר תַּחְתֶּיךָ אֵין תְּבוּנָה בּוֹ׃ הֲלוֹא בַּיּוֹם
הַהוּא נְאֻם־יְהוָה וְהַאֲבַדְתִּי חֲכָמִים מֵאֱדוֹם
9 וּתְבוּנָה מֵהַר עֵשָׂו׃ וְחַתּוּ גִבּוֹרֶיךָ תֵּימָן לְמַעַן
10 יִכָּרֶת־אִישׁ מֵהַר עֵשָׂו מִקָּטֶל׃ מֵחֲמַס אָחִיךָ יַעֲקֹב
11 תְּכַסְּךָ בוּשָׁה וְנִכְרַתָּ לְעוֹלָם׃ בְּיוֹם עֲמָדְךָ מִנֶּגֶד
בְּיוֹם שְׁבוֹת זָרִים חֵילוֹ וְנָכְרִים בָּאוּ שְׁעָרָו* וְעַל־
12 יְרוּשָׁלִַם יַדּוּ גוֹרָל גַּם־אַתָּה כְּאַחַד מֵהֶם׃ וְאַל־
תֵּרֶא בְיוֹם־אָחִיךָ בְּיוֹם נָכְרוֹ וְאַל־תִּשְׂמַח לִבְנֵי־
יְהוּדָה בְּיוֹם אָבְדָם וְאַל־תַּגְדֵּל פִּיךָ בְּיוֹם צָרָה׃
13 אַל־תָּבוֹא בְשַׁעַר־עַמִּי בְּיוֹם אֵידָם אַל־תֵּרֶא גַם־
אַתָּה בְּרָעָתוֹ בְּיוֹם אֵידוֹ וְאַל־תִּשְׁלַחְנָה בְחֵילוֹ בְּיוֹם
14 אֵידוֹ׃ וְאַל־תַּעֲמֹד עַל־הַפֶּרֶק לְהַכְרִית אֶת־פְּלִיטָיו

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thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? 4. Though thou wert to rise as high as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. 5. How? have thieves come to thee? or night-prowling robbers? how desolate art thou made! would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grape-gatherers had come to thee, would they not have left some gleanings? 6. How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up! 7. To the border have brought thee all the men of thy confederacy: beguiled, overcome thee have the men that were at peace with thee; they that eat thy bread have struck thee secretly a wound; there is no understanding in him. 8. Shall I not on that same day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? 9. And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. 10. For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. 11. On the day that thou stoodest on the other side, on the day that strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. 12. But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother, on the day that he was banished among strangers; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah on the day of their destruction; nor shouldest thou have spoken proudly on the day of distress. 13. Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people on the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction on the day of their calamity; nor have laid hands on their sub-

15 וְאַל־תַּסְגֵּר שְׂרִידָיו בְּיוֹם צָרָה׃ כִּֽי־קָרוֹב יוֹם־יְהוָה
עַל־כָּל־הַגּוֹיִם כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ יֵעָשֶׂה לָּךְ גְּמֻלְךָ יָשׁוּב
16 בְּרֹאשֶׁךָ׃ כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר שְׁתִיתֶם עַל־הַר קָדְשִׁי יִשְׁתּוּ
17 כָל־הַגּוֹיִם תָּמִיד וְשָׁתוּ וְלָעוּ וְהָיוּ כְּלוֹא הָיוּ׃ וּבְהַר
צִיּוֹן תִּהְיֶה פְלֵיטָה וְהָיָה קֹדֶשׁ וְיָרְשׁוּ בֵּית יַעֲקֹב
18 אֵת מוֹרָשֵׁיהֶם׃ וְהָיָה בֵית־יַעֲקֹב אֵשׁ וּבֵית יוֹסֵף
לֶהָבָה וּבֵית עֵשָׂו לְקַשׁ וְדָלְקוּ בָהֶם וַאֲכָלוּם וְלֹא־
19 יִהְיֶה שָׂרִיד לְבֵית עֵשָׂו כִּי יְהוָה דִּבֵּר׃ וְיָרְשׁוּ הַנֶּגֶב
אֶת־הַר עֵשָׂו וְהַשְּׁפֵלָה אֶת־פְּלִשְׁתִּים וְיָרְשׁוּ אֶת־
שְׂדֵה אֶפְרַיִם וְאֵת שְׂדֵה שֹׁמְרוֹן וּבִנְיָמִן אֶת־
20 הַגִּלְעָד׃ וְגָלֻת הַחֵל־הַזֶּה לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר־
כְּנַעֲנִים עַד־צָרְפַת וְגָלֻת יְרוּשָׁלִַם אֲשֶׁר בִּסְפָרַד
21 יִרְשׁוּ אֵת עָרֵי הַנֶּגֶב׃ וְעָלוּ מוֹשִׁעִים בְּהַר צִיּוֹן
לִשְׁפֹּט אֶת־הַר עֵשָׂו וְהָיְתָה לַיהוָה הַמְּלוּכָה׃

הפטרת וישב

ואם חל בו שבת ראשון דחנוכה מפטירין רני ושמחי ככתוב לקמן

בתרי עשר בעמוס סימן ב׳

6 כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה עַל־שְׁלֹשָׁה פִּשְׁעֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל־
אַרְבָּעָה לֹא אֲשִׁיבֶנּוּ עַל־מִכְרָם בַּכֶּסֶף צַדִּיק וְאֶבְיוֹן

stance in the day of their calamity; 14. Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress. 15. For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy deeds shall return upon thy own head. 16. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall reel about, and they shall be as though they had not been. 17. But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall again possess their possessions. 18. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it. 19. And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. 20. And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel that are with the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath, and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. 21. And deliverers shall go up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

HAPHTORAH OF VAYESHEB.

AMOS ii. 6.

6. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold for silver the righteous, and the

7 בַּעֲבוּר נַעֲלָיִם׃ הַשֹּׁאֲפִים עַל־עֲפַר־אֶרֶץ בְּרֹאשׁ
דַּלִּים וְדֶרֶךְ עֲנָוִים יַטּוּ וְאִישׁ וְאָבִיו יֵלְכוּ אֶל־הַנַּעֲרָה
8 לְמַעַן חַלֵּל אֶת־שֵׁם קָדְשִׁי׃ וְעַל־בְּגָדִים חֲבֻלִים
יַטּוּ אֵצֶל כָּל־מִזְבֵּחַ וְיֵין עֲנוּשִׁים יִשְׁתּוּ בֵּית
9 אֱלֹהֵיהֶם׃ וְאָנֹכִי הִשְׁמַדְתִּי אֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי מִפְּנֵיהֶם
אֲשֶׁר כְּגֹבַהּ אֲרָזִים גָּבְהוֹ וְחָסֹן הוּא כָּאַלּוֹנִים
10 וָאַשְׁמִיד פִּרְיוֹ מִמַּעַל וְשָׁרָשָׁיו מִתָּחַת׃ וְאָנֹכִי
הֶעֱלֵיתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וָאוֹלֵךְ אֶתְכֶם
בַּמִּדְבָּר אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה לָרֶשֶׁת אֶת־אֶרֶץ הָאֱמֹרִי׃
11 וָאָקִים מִבְּנֵיכֶם לִנְבִיאִים וּמִבַּחוּרֵיכֶם לִנְזִרִים
12 הַאַף אֵין־זֹאת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל נְאֻם־יְהוָה׃ וַתַּשְׁקוּ
אֶת־הַנְּזִרִים יָיִן וְעַל־הַנְּבִיאִים צִוִּיתֶם לֵאמֹר לֹא
13 תִּנָּבְאוּ׃ הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי מֵעִיק תַּחְתֵּיכֶם כַּאֲשֶׁר תָּעִיק
14 הָעֲגָלָה הַמְלֵאָה לָהּ עָמִיר׃ וְאָבַד מָנוֹס מִקָּל וְחָזָק
15 לֹא־יְאַמֵּץ כֹּחוֹ וְגִבּוֹר לֹא־יְמַלֵּט נַפְשׁוֹ׃ וְתֹפֵשׂ
הַקֶּשֶׁת לֹא יַעֲמֹד וְקַל בְּרַגְלָיו לֹא יְמַלֵּט וְרֹכֵב
16 הַסּוּס לֹא יְמַלֵּט נַפְשׁוֹ׃ וְאַמִּיץ לִבּוֹ בַּגִּבּוֹרִים עָרוֹם
ג 1 יָנוּס בַּיּוֹם־הַהוּא נְאֻם־יְהוָה׃ שִׁמְעוּ אֶת־הַדָּבָר
הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה עֲלֵיכֶם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל כָּל־
הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֵיתִי מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לֵאמֹר׃
2 רַק אֶתְכֶם יָדַעְתִּי מִכֹּל מִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה עַל־כֵּן

poor for a pair of shoes; 7. That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek; and a man and his father will go in unto the same young woman to profane my holy name. 8. And upon pledged garments[a] they lay themselves down by every altar, and the wine of the condemned[b] they drink in the house of their god. 9. Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. 10. And it was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. 11. And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for nazarites; is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the Lord. 12. But ye gave the nazarites wine to drink; and the prophets commanded ye, saying, Prophesy not. 13. Behold, I press you down in your places, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves. 14. And flight shall be impossible to the swift, and the strong shall not make use of his force, neither shall the mighty escape with life. 15. And he that handleth the bow shall not stand; and he that is swift of foot shall not escape: neither shall he that rideth the horse escape with life. 16. And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day saith the Lord.

CHAP. III.

1. Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I have brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, 2. You only have I loved of all the families of the earth: therefore

[a] Against the precept in Deuteronomy xxiv. 12, 13.

[b] "They punish them with the payment of fines, and purchase wine therewith,"—Rashi; when no judge has, according to law, the right to take any thing for his own use.

3 אֶפְקֹד עֲלֵיכֶם אֵת כָּל־עֲוֹנֹתֵיכֶם׃ הֲיֵלְכוּ שְׁנַיִם
4 יַחְדָּו בִּלְתִּי אִם־נוֹעָדוּ׃ הֲיִשְׁאַג אַרְיֵה בַּיַּעַר וְטֶרֶף
אֵין לוֹ הֲיִתֵּן כְּפִיר קוֹלוֹ מִמְּעֹנָתוֹ בִּלְתִּי אִם־לָכָד׃
5 הֲתִפֹּל צִפּוֹר עַל־פַּח הָאָרֶץ וּמוֹקֵשׁ אֵין לָהּ הֲיַעֲלֶה־
6 פַּח מִן־הָאֲדָמָה וְלָכוֹד לֹא יִלְכּוֹד׃ אִם־יִתָּקַע
שׁוֹפָר בְּעִיר וְעָם לֹא יֶחֱרָדוּ אִם־תִּהְיֶה רָעָה בְּעִיר
7 וַיהוָה לֹא עָשָׂה׃ כִּי לֹא יַעֲשֶׂה אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה דָּבָר כִּי
8 אִם־גָּלָה סוֹדוֹ אֶל־עֲבָדָיו הַנְּבִיאִים׃ אַרְיֵה שָׁאָג
מִי לֹא יִירָא אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה דִּבֶּר מִי לֹא יִנָּבֵא׃

הפטרת מקץ

במלכי׳ א׳ סימן ג׳

15 וַיִּקַץ שְׁלֹמֹה וְהִנֵּה חֲלוֹם וַיָּבוֹא יְרוּשָׁלַם וַיַּעֲמֹד ׀
לִפְנֵי ׀ אֲרוֹן בְּרִית־אֲדֹנָי וַיַּעַל עֹלוֹת וַיַּעַשׂ שְׁלָמִים
16 וַיַּעַשׂ מִשְׁתֶּה לְכָל־עֲבָדָיו׃ אָז תָּבֹאנָה שְׁתַּיִם
17 נָשִׁים זֹנוֹת אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ וַתַּעֲמֹדְנָה לְפָנָיו׃ וַתֹּאמֶר
הָאִשָּׁה הָאַחַת בִּי אֲדֹנִי אֲנִי וְהָאִשָּׁה הַזֹּאת יֹשְׁבֹת
18 בְּבַיִת אֶחָד וָאֵלֵד עִמָּהּ בַּבָּיִת׃ וַיְהִי בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי
לְלִדְתִּי וַתֵּלֶד גַּם־הָאִשָּׁה הַזֹּאת וַאֲנַחְנוּ יַחְדָּו אֵין
19 זָר אִתָּנוּ בַּבַּיִת זוּלָתִי שְׁתַּיִם־אֲנַחְנוּ בַּבָּיִת׃ וַיָּמָת
בֶּן־הָאִשָּׁה הַזֹּאת לָיְלָה אֲשֶׁר שָׁכְבָה עָלָיו׃

will I visit upon you all your iniquities. 3. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? 4. Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion send forth his voice out of his den, if he have taken nothing? 5. Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, when there is no gin for him? is a snare taken up from the earth, and it have taken nothing at all? 6. Shall a cornet be blown in a city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD have not done it? 7. Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, unless he have revealed his secret unto his servants the prophets. 8. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who will not prophesy?

HAPHTORAH OF MICKETZ.

1 KINGS iii. 15.

15. And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream; and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants. 16. Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17. And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18. And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together, there was no stranger with us in the house, we two were alone in the house. 19. And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. 20. And she arose in

20 וַתָּקָם בְּתוֹךְ הַלַּיְלָה וַתִּקַּח אֶת־בְּנִי מֵאֶצְלִי
וַאֲמָתְךָ יְשֵׁנָה וַתַּשְׁכִּיבֵהוּ בְּחֵיקָהּ וְאֶת־בְּנָהּ הַמֵּת
21 הִשְׁכִּיבָה בְחֵיקִי : וָאָקֻם בַּבֹּקֶר לְהֵינִיק אֶת־בְּנִי
וְהִנֵּה־מֵת וָאֶתְבּוֹנֵן אֵלָיו בַּבֹּקֶר וְהִנֵּה לֹא־הָיָה
22 בְנִי אֲשֶׁר יָלָדְתִּי : וַתֹּאמֶר הָאִשָּׁה הָאַחֶרֶת לֹא כִי
בְּנִי הַחַי וּבְנֵךְ הַמֵּת וְזֹאת אֹמֶרֶת לֹא כִי בְּנֵךְ הַמֵּת
23 וּבְנִי הֶחָי וַתְּדַבֵּרְנָה לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ : וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ
זֹאת אֹמֶרֶת זֶה־בְּנִי הַחַי וּבְנֵךְ הַמֵּת וְזֹאת אֹמֶרֶת
24 לֹא כִי בְּנֵךְ הַמֵּת וּבְנִי הֶחָי : וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ קְחוּ־לִי
25 חָרֶב וַיָּבִאוּ הַחֶרֶב לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ : וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ גִּזְרוּ
26 אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד הַחַי לִשְׁנָיִם וּתְנוּ אֶת־הַחֲצִי לְאַחַת
וְאֶת־הַחֲצִי לְאֶחָת : וַתֹּאמֶר הָאִשָּׁה אֲשֶׁר־בְּנָהּ
הַחַי אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי־נִכְמְרוּ רַחֲמֶיהָ עַל־בְּנָהּ
וַתֹּאמֶר בִּי אֲדֹנִי תְּנוּ־לָהּ אֶת־הַיָּלוּד הַחַי וְהָמֵת
אַל־תְּמִיתֻהוּ וְזֹאת אֹמֶרֶת גַּם־לִי גַם־לָךְ לֹא יִהְיֶה
27 גְּזֹרוּ : וַיַּעַן הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר תְּנוּ־לָהּ אֶת־הַיָּלוּד הַחַי
28 וְהָמֵת לֹא תְמִיתֻהוּ הִיא אִמּוֹ : וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ כָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֶת־הַמִּשְׁפָּט אֲשֶׁר שָׁפַט הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּרְאוּ מִפְּנֵי
הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי רָאוּ כִּי־חָכְמַת אֱלֹהִים בְּקִרְבּוֹ לַעֲשׂוֹת
ד 1 מִשְׁפָּט : וַיְהִי הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה מֶלֶךְ עַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל :

the midst of the night, and took my son from beside me, while thy handmaid slept, and laid him in her bosom, and her dead child she laid in my bosom. 21. And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, he was dead; but when I looked at him carefully in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I had born. 22. And the other woman said, Nay; but my son is the living one, and thy son is the dead; and this one said, No; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living; thus they spoke before the king. 23. Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24. And the king said, Bring me a sword; and they brought a sword before the king. 25. And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26. Then spoke the woman whose son was the living unto the king, for her love had become enkindled for her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it; but the other said, Neither mine nor thine shall it be, divide it. 27. The king then answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. 28. And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged, and they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.
CHAP. IV. 1. So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

ביחזקאל בסימן ל"ז

15 16 וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלַי לֵאמֹר׃ וְאַתָּה בֶן־אָדָם קַח־
לְךָ עֵץ אֶחָד וּכְתֹב עָלָיו לִיהוּדָה וְלִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
חֲבֵרָו וּלְקַח עֵץ אֶחָד וּכְתוֹב עָלָיו לְיוֹסֵף עֵץ אֶפְרַיִם
17 וְכָל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲבֵרָו׃ וְקָרַב אֹתָם אֶחָד אֶל־
18 אֶחָד לְךָ לְעֵץ אֶחָד וְהָיוּ לַאֲחָדִים בְּיָדֶךָ׃ וְכַאֲשֶׁר
יֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיךָ בְּנֵי עַמְּךָ לֵאמֹר הֲלוֹא־תַגִּיד לָנוּ מָה־
19 אֵלֶּה לָּךְ׃ דַּבֵּר אֲלֵהֶם כֹּה־אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה הִנֵּה
אֲנִי לֹקֵחַ אֶת־עֵץ יוֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר בְּיַד־אֶפְרַיִם וְשִׁבְטֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲבֵרָו וְנָתַתִּי אוֹתָם עָלָיו אֶת־עֵץ יְהוּדָה
20 וַעֲשִׂיתִם לְעֵץ אֶחָד וְהָיוּ אֶחָד בְּיָדִי׃ וְהָיוּ הָעֵצִים
21 אֲשֶׁר תִּכְתֹּב עֲלֵיהֶם בְּיָדְךָ לְעֵינֵיהֶם׃ וְדַבֵּר
אֲלֵיהֶם כֹּה־אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה הִנֵּה אֲנִי לֹקֵחַ אֶת־
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִבֵּין הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר הָלְכוּ־שָׁם וְקִבַּצְתִּי
22 אֹתָם מִסָּבִיב וְהֵבֵאתִי אוֹתָם אֶל־אַדְמָתָם׃ וְעָשִׂיתִי
אֹתָם לְגוֹי אֶחָד בָּאָרֶץ בְּהָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמֶלֶךְ אֶחָד
יִהְיֶה לְכֻלָּם לְמֶלֶךְ וְלֹא יִהְיֶה־עוֹד לִשְׁנֵי גוֹיִם וְלֹא
23 יֵחָצוּ עוֹד לִשְׁתֵּי מַמְלָכוֹת עוֹד׃ וְלֹא יִטַּמְּאוּ עוֹד
בְּגִלּוּלֵיהֶם וּבְשִׁקּוּצֵיהֶם וּבְכֹל פִּשְׁעֵיהֶם וְהוֹשַׁעְתִּי
אֹתָם מִכֹּל מוֹשְׁבֹתֵיהֶם אֲשֶׁר חָטְאוּ בָהֶם וְטִהַרְתִּי
אוֹתָם וְהָיוּ־לִי לְעָם וַאֲנִי אֶהְיֶה לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים׃

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HAPHTORAH OF VAYIGGASH.

EZEKIEL xxxvii. 15.

15. The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
16. And thou son of man, take unto thee one stick of wood, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: 17. And join them one to another unto thee as one stick; and they shall become one in thy hand. 18. And when the children of thy people shall say unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not tell us what thou meanest by these? 19. Speak unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.
20. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy hand before their eyes. 21. And speak unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them from every side, and bring them unto their own land: 22. And I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be to them all for king; and they shall be no more two nations, nor shall they at any time be divided into two kingdoms any more: 23. Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be unto me

24 וְעַבְדִּ֤י דָוִד֙ מֶ֣לֶךְ עֲלֵיהֶ֔ם וְרוֹעֶ֥ה אֶחָ֖ד יִהְיֶ֣ה לְכֻלָּ֑ם
וּבְמִשְׁפָּטַ֣י יֵלֵ֔כוּ וְחֻקּוֹתַ֥י יִשְׁמְר֖וּ וְעָשׂ֥וּ אוֹתָֽם׃
25 וְיָשְׁב֣וּ עַל־הָאָ֗רֶץ אֲשֶׁ֤ר נָתַ֙תִּי֙ לְעַבְדִּ֣י לְיַעֲקֹ֔ב אֲשֶׁ֥ר
יָֽשְׁבוּ־בָ֖הּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶ֑ם וְיָשְׁב֣וּ עָלֶ֡יהָ הֵ֠מָּה וּבְנֵיהֶ֞ם
וּבְנֵ֤י בְנֵיהֶם֙ עַד־עוֹלָ֔ם וְדָוִ֣ד עַבְדִּ֔י נָשִׂ֥יא לָהֶ֖ם
26 לְעוֹלָֽם׃ וְכָרַתִּ֤י לָהֶם֙ בְּרִ֣ית שָׁל֔וֹם בְּרִ֥ית עוֹלָ֖ם
יִהְיֶ֣ה אוֹתָ֑ם וּנְתַתִּים֙ וְהִרְבֵּיתִ֣י אוֹתָ֔ם וְנָתַתִּ֧י אֶת־
27 מִקְדָּשִׁ֛י בְּתוֹכָ֖ם לְעוֹלָֽם׃ וְהָיָ֤ה מִשְׁכָּנִי֙ עֲלֵיהֶ֔ם
28 וְהָיִ֥יתִי לָהֶ֖ם לֵאלֹהִ֑ים וְהֵ֖מָּה יִֽהְיוּ־לִ֥י לְעָֽם׃ וְיָֽדְעוּ֙
הַגּוֹיִ֔ם כִּ֚י אֲנִ֣י יְהֹוָ֔ה מְקַדֵּ֖שׁ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵ֑ל בִּֽהְי֧וֹת
מִקְדָּשִׁ֛י בְּתוֹכָ֖ם לְעוֹלָֽם׃

הפטרת ויחי

במלכים א׳ בסימן ב׳

1 וַיִּקְרְב֥וּ יְמֵי־דָוִ֖ד לָמ֑וּת וַיְצַ֛ו אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹ֥ה בְנ֖וֹ
2 לֵאמֹֽר׃ אָנֹכִ֣י הֹלֵ֔ךְ בְּדֶ֖רֶךְ כָּל־הָאָ֑רֶץ וְחָזַקְתָּ֖ וְהָיִ֥יתָ
3 לְאִֽישׁ׃ וְשָׁמַרְתָּ֞ אֶת־מִשְׁמֶ֣רֶת ׀ יְהֹוָ֣ה אֱלֹהֶ֗יךָ
לָלֶ֤כֶת בִּדְרָכָיו֙ לִשְׁמֹ֨ר חֻקֹּתָ֤יו מִצְוֺתָיו֙ וּמִשְׁפָּטָ֣יו
וְעֵדְוֺתָ֔יו כַּכָּת֖וּב בְּתוֹרַ֣ת מֹשֶׁ֑ה לְמַ֣עַן תַּשְׂכִּ֗יל אֵ֚ת
4 כָּל־אֲשֶׁ֣ר תַּעֲשֶׂ֔ה וְאֵ֛ת כָּל־אֲשֶׁ֥ר תִּפְנֶ֖ה שָֽׁם׃ לְמַ֩עַן֩
יָקִ֨ים יְהֹוָ֜ה אֶת־דְּבָר֗וֹ אֲשֶׁ֨ר דִּבֶּ֣ר עָלַי֮ לֵאמֹר֒ אִם־

for a people, and I will be to them for God. 24. And my
servant David shall be king over them; and one shepherd
shall be for them all: and in my judgments they shall walk,
and my statutes they shall observe, and do them. 25. And
they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto my
servant Jacob, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they
shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their chil-
dren's children for ever: and David my servant shall be
prince unto them for ever. 26. Moreover I will make with
them a covenant of peace; an everlasting covenant shall it
be with them: and I will place them, and multiply them,
and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for ever-
more. 27. My dwelling also shall be with them; and I
will be their God; and they shall be my people. 28. And
the nations shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel,
when my sanctuary will be in the midst of them for ever-
more.

HAPHTORAH OF VAYECHEE.

1 Kings ii. 1.

CHAP. II. 1. And when the days of David drew nigh that
he should die, he charged Solomon his son,
saying, 2. I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong
therefore, and show thyself a man; 3. And keep the
charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep
his statutes, his commandments, and his judgments, and his
testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses; that thou
mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever
thou turnest thyself: 4. In order that the Lord may fulfil

יִשְׁמְרוּ בָנֶיךָ אֶת־דַּרְכָּם לָלֶכֶת לְפָנַי בֶּאֱמֶת בְּכָל־
לְבָבָם וּבְכָל־נַפְשָׁם לֵאמֹר לֹא־יִכָּרֵת לְךָ אִישׁ מֵעַל
5 כִּסֵּא יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ וְגַם אַתָּה יָדַעְתָּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לִי
יוֹאָב בֶּן־צְרוּיָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לִשְׁנֵי־שָׂרֵי צִבְאוֹת
יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאַבְנֵר בֶּן־נֵר וְלַעֲמָשָׂא בֶן־יֶתֶר וַיַּהַרְגֵם
וַיָּשֶׂם דְּמֵי־מִלְחָמָה בְּשָׁלֹם וַיִּתֵּן דְּמֵי מִלְחָמָה
בַּחֲגֹרָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּמָתְנָיו וּבְנַעֲלוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּרַגְלָיו׃
6 וְעָשִׂיתָ כְּחָכְמָתֶךָ וְלֹא־תוֹרֵד שֵׂיבָתוֹ בְּשָׁלֹם שְׁאֹל׃
7 וְלִבְנֵי בַרְזִלַּי הַגִּלְעָדִי תַּעֲשֶׂה־חֶסֶד וְהָיוּ בְּאֹכְלֵי
שֻׁלְחָנֶךָ כִּי־כֵן קָרְבוּ אֵלַי בְּבָרְחִי מִפְּנֵי אַבְשָׁלוֹם
8 אָחִיךָ׃ וְהִנֵּה עִמְּךָ שִׁמְעִי בֶן־גֵּרָא בֶן־הַיְמִינִי
מִבַּחֻרִים וְהוּא קִלְלַנִי קְלָלָה נִמְרֶצֶת בְּיוֹם לֶכְתִּי
מַחֲנָיִם וְהוּא־יָרַד לִקְרָאתִי הַיַּרְדֵּן וָאֶשָּׁבַע לוֹ
9 בַיהוָה לֵאמֹר אִם־אֲמִיתְךָ בֶּחָרֶב׃ וְעַתָּה אַל־
תְּנַקֵּהוּ כִּי אִישׁ חָכָם אָתָּה וְיָדַעְתָּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר
תַּעֲשֶׂה־לּוֹ וְהוֹרַדְתָּ אֶת־שֵׂיבָתוֹ בְּדָם שְׁאוֹל׃
10 וַיִּשְׁכַּב דָּוִד עִם־אֲבֹתָיו וַיִּקָּבֵר בְּעִיר דָּוִד׃ וְהַיָּמִים
11 אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ דָּוִד עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה
בְּחֶבְרוֹן מָלַךְ שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים וּבִירוּשָׁלַםִ מָלַךְ שְׁלֹשִׁים
12 וְשָׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים׃ וּשְׁלֹמֹה יָשַׁב עַל־כִּסֵּא דָּוִד
אָבִיו וַתִּכֹּן מַלְכֻתוֹ מְאֹד׃

his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. 5. Moreover thou knowest well what Yoab the son of Zeruyah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Yether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and on his shoes that were on his feet. 6. Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoary head go down to the grave in peace. 7. But unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite show thou kindness, and let them be of those that eat at thy table; for so they came near to me when I fled because of Abshalom thy brother. 8. And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Ghera, the Benjamite of Bachurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Machanayim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. 9. Now therefore hold him not guiltless, for thou art a wise man; know then what thou oughtest to do unto him, and bring thou down his hoary head with blood to the grave. 10. And David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. 11. And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years; in Chebron he reigned seven years, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years. 12. Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

בשבת וחנוכה קורין בפ' נשא

ביום ראשון מתחילין

22 23 *וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵּאמֹר׃ דַּבֵּר אֶל־אַהֲרֹן
וְאֶל־בָּנָיו לֵאמֹר כֹּה תְבָרְכוּ אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
24 אָמוֹר לָהֶם׃ ס יְבָרֶכְךָ יְהוָה
25 וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ׃ ס יָאֵר יְהוָה ׀ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ
26 וִיחֻנֶּךָּ׃ ס יִשָּׂא יְהוָה ׀ פָּנָיו
אֵלֶיךָ וְיָשֵׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם׃ ס
27 וְשָׂמוּ אֶת־שְׁמִי עַל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַאֲנִי
ז 1 אֲבָרְכֵם׃ ס *וַיְהִי בְּיוֹם כַּלּוֹת
מֹשֶׁה לְהָקִים אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן וַיִּמְשַׁח אֹתוֹ וַיְקַדֵּשׁ
אֹתוֹ וְאֶת־כָּל־כֵּלָיו וְאֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְאֶת־כָּל־כֵּלָיו
2 וַיִּמְשָׁחֵם וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתָם׃ וַיַּקְרִיבוּ נְשִׂיאֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
רָאשֵׁי בֵּית אֲבֹתָם הֵם נְשִׂיאֵי הַמַּטֹּת הֵם
3 הָעֹמְדִים עַל־הַפְּקֻדִים׃ וַיָּבִיאוּ אֶת־קָרְבָּנָם
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה שֵׁשׁ־עֶגְלֹת צָב וּשְׁנֵי עָשָׂר בָּקָר
עֲגָלָה עַל־שְׁנֵי הַנְּשִׂאִים וְשׁוֹר לְאֶחָד וַיַּקְרִיבוּ
4 אוֹתָם לִפְנֵי הַמִּשְׁכָּן׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה

* הספרדים מתחילין כאן   * האשכנזים מתחילין כאן

READING OF THE LAW FOR THE MAPHTERE ON SABBATH HANUCKA.[a]

FOR THE FIRST DAY.

NUMBERS vi. 22.

22. And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, 23. Speak
unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, Thus shall ye bless
the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24. The LORD bless thee, and preserve thee.

25. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

26. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

THE GERMAN JEWS COMMENCE HERE.

CHAP. VII. 1. And it came to pass on the day that Moses had finally set up the tabernacle, and had anointed and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof; as also the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed
them, and sanctified them; 2. That the princes of Israel,
the heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, the same who had superintended the numbering, offered: 3. And they brought their offering before
the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought
them before the tabernacle. 4. And the LORD spoke unto

[a] The festival of Hanucka, which means consecration, is celebrated in commemoration of the purifying of the second temple after it had been defiled by the orders of Antiochus Epiphanes, the Syrian king, who having persecuted the followers of the true God, and induced many to become apostates, was at length valiantly opposed by the family of the Maccabees, who reconquered the independence of their country and restored their religion; in commemoration of which there is read on every one of the eight days which Hanucka lasts, an appro-

5 לֵאמֹר׃ קַח מֵאִתָּם וְהָיוּ לַעֲבֹד אֶת־עֲבֹדַת
אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְנָתַתָּה אוֹתָם אֶל־הַלְוִיִּם אִישׁ כְּפִי
6 עֲבֹדָתוֹ׃ וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הָעֲגָלֹת וְאֶת־הַבָּקָר
7 וַיִּתֵּן אוֹתָם אֶל־הַלְוִיִּם׃ אֵת ׀ שְׁתֵּי הָעֲגָלוֹת
וְאֵת אַרְבַּעַת הַבָּקָר נָתַן לִבְנֵי גֵרְשׁוֹן כְּפִי
8 עֲבֹדָתָם׃ וְאֵת ׀ אַרְבַּע הָעֲגָלֹת וְאֵת שְׁמֹנַת
הַבָּקָר נָתַן לִבְנֵי מְרָרִי כְּפִי עֲבֹדָתָם בְּיַד
9 אִיתָמָר בֶּן־אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן׃ וְלִבְנֵי קְהָת לֹא נָתָן כִּי־
10 עֲבֹדַת הַקֹּדֶשׁ עֲלֵהֶם בַּכָּתֵף יִשָּׂאוּ׃ וַיַּקְרִיבוּ
הַנְּשִׂאִים אֵת חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בְּיוֹם הִמָּשַׁח אֹתוֹ
וַיַּקְרִיבוּ הַנְּשִׂיאִם אֶת־קָרְבָּנָם לִפְנֵי הַמִּזְבֵּחַ׃
11 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה נָשִׂיא אֶחָד לַיּוֹם
נָשִׂיא אֶחָד לַיּוֹם יַקְרִיבוּ אֶת־קָרְבָּנָם לַחֲנֻכַּת
12 הַמִּזְבֵּחַ׃ ס וַיְהִי הַמַּקְרִיב בַּיּוֹם
הָרִאשׁוֹן אֶת־קָרְבָּנוֹ נַחְשׁוֹן בֶּן־עַמִּינָדָב לְמַטֵּה
13 יְהוּדָה׃ וְקָרְבָּנוֹ קַעֲרַת־כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָה
מִשְׁקָלָהּ מִזְרָק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל
בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם ׀ מְלֵאִים סֹלֶת בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן
14 לְמִנְחָה׃ כַּף אַחַת עֲשָׂרָה זָהָב מְלֵאָה קְטֹרֶת׃
15 פַּר אֶחָד בֶּן־בָּקָר אַיִל אֶחָד כֶּבֶשׂ־אֶחָד בֶּן־
16 17 שְׁנָתוֹ לְעֹלָה׃ שְׂעִיר־עִזִּים אֶחָד לְחַטָּאת׃ וּלְזֶבַח

Moses, saying, 5. Take it of them, that they may be used to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service. 6. And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. 7. Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service. 8. And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the command of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 9. But unto the sons of Kehath he gave none; because the service of the sanctuary belonged unto them, they were to bear upon their shoulders. 10. The princes also offered for dedicating of the altar on the day that it was anointed; and the princes offered their offering before the altar. 11. And the Lord said unto Moses, One prince each on his day, shall they offer their offering, for the dedicating of the altar.

12. And he that offered his offering on the first day, was Nachshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah. 13. And his offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them filled with fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 14. One spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense: 15. One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: 16. One young kid for a

priate section from the consecration of the tabernacle in the days of Moses. In this festival, which takes place on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month or Kislev, there occur either one or two Sabbaths. If it be on the first day, the Maphtere has read to him from the commencement of this section to the end of the first day's sacrifice; and so on in succession; but as the fifth day does not occur on the Sabbath, the section for that day has been omitted. The Haphtorah is read out of Zechariah ii. 14, to iv. 7, and this is done though it be also new moon day.

הַשְּׁלָמִים֮ בָּקָ֣ר שְׁנַ֒יִם֒ אֵילִ֣ם חֲמִשָּׁה֙ עַתּוּדִ֣ים
חֲמִשָּׁ֔ה כְּבָשִׂ֥ים בְּנֵי־שָׁנָ֖ה חֲמִשָּׁ֑ה זֶ֛ה קָרְבַּ֥ן נַחְשׁ֖וֹן
בֶּן־עַמִּינָדָֽב׃ פ

ביום ב׳

בַּיּוֹם֙ הַשֵּׁנִ֔י הִקְרִ֖יב נְתַנְאֵ֣ל בֶּן־צוּעָ֑ר נְשִׂ֖יא יִשָּׂשכָֽר׃
הִקְרִ֤ב אֶת־קָרְבָּנוֹ֙ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה
זֶ֛ה קָרְבַּ֥ן נְתַנְאֵ֖ל בֶּן־צוּעָֽר׃

ביום ג׳

בַּיּוֹם֙ הַשְּׁלִישִׁ֔י נָשִׂ֖יא לִבְנֵ֣י זְבוּלֻ֑ן אֱלִיאָ֖ב בֶּן־חֵלֹֽן׃
קָרְבָּנ֞וֹ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה זֶ֛ה קָרְבַּ֥ן
אֱלִיאָ֖ב בֶּן־חֵלֹֽן׃

ביום ד׳

בַּיּוֹם֙ הָֽרְבִיעִ֔י נָשִׂ֖יא לִבְנֵ֣י רְאוּבֵ֑ן אֱלִיצ֖וּר בֶּן־
שְׁדֵיאֽוּר׃ קָרְבָּנ֞וֹ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה
זֶ֛ה קָרְבַּ֥ן אֱלִיצ֖וּר בֶּן־שְׁדֵיאֽוּר׃

ביום ו׳

בַּיּוֹם֙ הַשִּׁשִּׁ֔י נָשִׂ֖יא לִבְנֵ֣י גָ֑ד אֶלְיָסָ֖ף בֶּן־דְּעוּאֵֽל׃
קָרְבָּנ֞וֹ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה זֶ֛ה קָרְבַּ֥ן
אֶלְיָסָ֖ף בֶּן־דְּעוּאֵֽל׃

ביום ז׳

בַּיּוֹם֙ הַשְּׁבִיעִ֔י נָשִׂ֖יא לִבְנֵ֣י אֶפְרָ֑יִם אֱלִישָׁמָ֖ע בֶּן־
עַמִּיהֽוּד׃ קָרְבָּנ֞וֹ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה
זֶ֛ה קָרְבַּ֥ן אֱלִישָׁמָ֖ע בֶּן־עַמִּיהֽוּד׃

sin-offering: 17. And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Nachshon the son of Amminadab.

ON THE SECOND DAY.

18. On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer: 19. He offered for his offering one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR;"] this was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

ON THE THIRD DAY.

24. On the third day Eliab the son of Chelon, prince of the children of Zebulun did offer: 25. His offering was one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the offering of Eliab the son of Chelon.

ON THE FOURTH DAY.

30. On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, did offer: 31. His offering was one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

ON THE SIXTH DAY.

42. On the sixth day Elyasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, did offer: 43. His offering was one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the offering of Elyasaph the son of Deuel.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY.

48. On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, did offer: 49. His offering was one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

בזכריה סימן ב׳

10 רָנִּי וְשִׂמְחִי בַּת־צִיּוֹן כִּי הִנְנִי־בָא וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְתוֹכֵךְ
11 נְאֻם יְהוָה׃ וְנִלְווּ גוֹיִם רַבִּים אֶל־יְהוָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא
וְהָיוּ לִי לְעָם וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְתוֹכֵךְ וְיָדַעַתְּ כִּי־יְהוָה
12 צְבָאוֹת שְׁלָחַנִי אֵלָיִךְ׃ וְנָחַל יְהוָה אֶת־יְהוּדָה
חֶלְקוֹ עַל אַדְמַת הַקֹּדֶשׁ וּבָחַר עוֹד בִּירוּשָׁלִָם׃
13 הַס כָּל־בָּשָׂר מִפְּנֵי יְהוָה כִּי נֵעוֹר מִמְּעוֹן קָדְשׁוֹ׃
ג 1 וַיַּרְאֵנִי אֶת־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ הַכֹּהֵן הַגָּדוֹל עֹמֵד לִפְנֵי מַלְאַךְ
2 יְהוָה וְהַשָּׂטָן עֹמֵד עַל־יְמִינוֹ לְשִׂטְנוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
אֶל־הַשָּׂטָן יִגְעַר יְהוָה בְּךָ הַשָּׂטָן וְיִגְעַר יְהוָה בְּךָ
הַבֹּחֵר בִּירוּשָׁלִָם הֲלוֹא זֶה אוּד מֻצָּל מֵאֵשׁ׃
3 וִיהוֹשֻׁעַ הָיָה לָבֻשׁ בְּגָדִים צוֹאִים וְעֹמֵד לִפְנֵי
4 הַמַּלְאָךְ׃ וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־הָעֹמְדִים לְפָנָיו לֵאמֹר
הָסִירוּ הַבְּגָדִים הַצֹּאִים מֵעָלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו רְאֵה
הֶעֱבַרְתִּי מֵעָלֶיךָ עֲוֺנֶךָ וְהַלְבֵּשׁ אֹתְךָ מַחֲלָצוֹת׃
5 וָאֹמַר יָשִׂימוּ צָנִיף טָהוֹר עַל־רֹאשׁוֹ וַיָּשִׂימוּ הַצָּנִיף
הַטָּהוֹר עַל־רֹאשׁוֹ וַיַּלְבִּשֻׁהוּ בְּגָדִים וּמַלְאַךְ יְהוָה
6 7 עֹמֵד׃ וַיָּעַד מַלְאַךְ יְהוָה בִּיהוֹשֻׁעַ לֵאמֹר׃ כֹּה־
אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אִם־בִּדְרָכַי תֵּלֵךְ וְאִם אֶת־
מִשְׁמַרְתִּי תִשְׁמֹר וְגַם־אַתָּה תָּדִין אֶת־בֵּיתִי וְגַם

HAPHTORAH OF THE FIRST OF SABBATH HANUCKA.

ZECHARIAH ii. 10.

10. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. 11. And many nations will be joined to the Lord on that day, and shall be unto me a people; and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. 12. And the Lord will take Judah as his inheritance upon the holy land, and will again make choice of Jerusalem. 13. Be silent, all flesh! before the Lord: for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

CHAP. III. 1. And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and the accuser standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2. And the Lord said unto the accuser, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan, yea, the Lord rebuke thee that hath chosen Jerusalem; is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? 3. Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. 4. And he commenced and spoke unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him; and he said unto him, Behold, I have caused thy iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with festive garments. 5. And I said, Let them set a clean mitre upon his head; so they set the clean mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the angel of the Lord stood by. 6. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, 7. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among

תִּשְׁמֹר אֶת־חֲצֵרָי וְנָתַתִּי לְךָ מַהְלְכִים בֵּין
8 הָעֹמְדִים הָאֵלֶּה׃ שְׁמַע־נָא יְהוֹשֻׁעַ ׀ הַכֹּהֵן הַגָּדוֹל
אַתָּה וְרֵעֶיךָ הַיֹּשְׁבִים לְפָנֶיךָ כִּי־אַנְשֵׁי מוֹפֵת הֵמָּה
9 כִּי־הִנְנִי מֵבִיא אֶת־עַבְדִּי צֶמַח׃ כִּי ׀ הִנֵּה הָאֶבֶן
אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לִפְנֵי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ עַל־אֶבֶן אַחַת שִׁבְעָה
עֵינָיִם הִנְנִי מְפַתֵּחַ פִּתֻּחָהּ נְאֻם יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת
10 וּמַשְׁתִּי אֶת־עֲוֺן הָאָרֶץ־הַהִיא בְּיוֹם אֶחָד׃ בַּיּוֹם
הַהוּא נְאֻם יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת תִּקְרְאוּ אִישׁ לְרֵעֵהוּ אֶל־
ד 1 תַּחַת גֶּפֶן וְאֶל־תַּחַת תְּאֵנָה׃ וַיָּשָׁב הַמַּלְאָךְ הַדֹּבֵר
2 בִּי וַיְעִירֵנִי כְּאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־יֵעוֹר מִשְּׁנָתוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלַי מָה אַתָּה רֹאֶה וָאֹמַר* רָאִיתִי וְהִנֵּה מְנוֹרַת
זָהָב כֻּלָּהּ וְגֻלָּהּ עַל־רֹאשָׁהּ וְשִׁבְעָה נֵרֹתֶיהָ עָלֶיהָ
שִׁבְעָה וְשִׁבְעָה מוּצָקוֹת לַנֵּרוֹת אֲשֶׁר עַל־רֹאשָׁהּ׃
3 וּשְׁנַיִם זֵיתִים עָלֶיהָ אֶחָד מִימִין הַגֻּלָּה וְאֶחָד עַל־
4 שְׂמֹאלָהּ׃ וָאַעַן וָאֹמַר אֶל־הַמַּלְאָךְ הַדֹּבֵר בִּי
5 לֵאמֹר מָה אֵלֶּה אֲדֹנִי׃ וַיַּעַן הַמַּלְאָךְ הַדֹּבֵר בִּי
וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי הֲלוֹא יָדַעְתָּ מָה־הֵמָּה אֵלֶּה וָאֹמַר לֹא
6 אֲדֹנִי׃ וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־
זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחַיִל וְלֹא בְכֹחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי
7 אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת׃ מִי־אַתָּה הַר־הַגָּדוֹל לִפְנֵי

* ואמר ק׳

these that stand by.[a] 8. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee; for distinguished men they are: for, behold, I will bring my servant the BRANCH. 9. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave thereon its inscription, saith the LORD of hosts, And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10. On that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig-tree.

CHAP. IV. 1. And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, 2. And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: 3. And two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. 4. So I commenced and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5. Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord. 6. Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. 7. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain:[b] and he

[a] "I will grant thee an entrance among these who stand by." D. THEODOR, who follows in this the views of KIMCHI, who considers, with RASHI and BEN UZIEL, the עֹמְדִים to mean not the "bystanders," but "those who remain permanently," viz., the angels. The verse then means, "If Joshua would act as he was commanded, the time would come when he should have a place assigned him after his death among the angels who endure for ever."

[b] This alludes to the difficulties which attended Zerubbabel and his

זְרֻבָּבֶל לְמִישֹׁר וְהוֹצִיא אֶת־הָאֶבֶן הָרֹאשָׁה
תְּשֻׁאוֹת חֵן חֵן לָהּ׃

ואם חל ראש חדש בש״ת הספרדים מוסיפין פסוק כה אמר גם פסוק והיה
מדי חדש · ובמחר חדש מוסיפין הפסוק הראשון והאחרון של מ״ח כבססון :

קריאה למפטיר בשבת ב׳ דחנוכה

בשבת ב׳ דחנוכה קורין ביום השמיני

54 55 בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי נָשִׂיא לִבְנֵי מְנַשֶּׁה גַּמְלִיאֵל בֶּן־
פְּדָהצוּר׃ קָרְבָּנוֹ קַעֲרַת־כֶּסֶף אַחַת שְׁלֹשִׁים
וּמֵאָה מִשְׁקָלָהּ מִזְרָק אֶחָד כֶּסֶף שִׁבְעִים שֶׁקֶל
בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁנֵיהֶם ׀ מְלֵאִים סֹלֶת בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן
56 57 לְמִנְחָה׃ כַּף אַחַת עֲשָׂרָה זָהָב מְלֵאָה קְטֹרֶת׃ פַּר
אֶחָד בֶּן־בָּקָר אַיִל אֶחָד כֶּבֶשׂ־אֶחָד בֶּן־שְׁנָתוֹ
58 59 לְעֹלָה׃ שְׂעִיר־עִזִּים אֶחָד לְחַטָּאת׃ וּלְזֶבַח הַשְּׁלָמִים
בָּקָר שְׁנַיִם אֵילִם חֲמִשָּׁה עַתֻּדִים חֲמִשָּׁה כְּבָשִׂים
בְּנֵי־שָׁנָה חֲמִשָּׁה זֶה קָרְבַּן גַּמְלִיאֵל בֶּן־פְּדָהצוּר׃
60 בַּיּוֹם הַתְּשִׁיעִי נָשִׂיא לִבְנֵי בִנְיָמִן אֲבִידָן בֶּן־גִּדְעֹנִי׃
קָרְבָּנוֹ קַעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה זֶה קָרְבַּן אֲבִידָן
בֶּן־גִּדְעֹנִי׃
66 בַּיּוֹם הָעֲשִׂירִי נָשִׂיא לִבְנֵי דָן אֲחִיעֶזֶר בֶּן־עַמִּישַׁדָּי׃

shall bring forth the headstone with shoutings of, Grace, grace unto it.

[AND IF ON NEW-MOON DAY, THE PORTUGUESE ADD THE FIRST AND TWENTY-THIRD VERSES OF ISAIAH LXVI., AND IF THE DAY BEFORE THE NEW MOON, THE EIGHTEENTH AND FORTY-SECOND VERSES OF THE TWENTIETH CHAPTER OF 1 SAMUEL. See in the last Haphtoroth at the end of the volume.]

READING OF THE MAPHTERE FOR THE SECOND SABBATH HANUCKA.

NUMBERS vii. 54.

54. On the eighth day Gamliel the son of Pedahzur,
prince of the children of Menasseh did offer: 55. His
offering was one silver charger, of the weight of a hundred
and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after
the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour
mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 56. One golden
spoon of ten shekels, full of incense: 57. One young
bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-
offering: 58. One young kid for a sin-offering: 59. And
for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams,
five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the
offering of Gamliel the son of Pedahzur.

60. On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince
of the children of Benjamin, did offer: 61. His offering was
one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the
offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66. On the tenth day Achiezer the son of Ammishaddai,

companions in the building of the temple; the prophet assures them that all difficulties shall vanish, and as the foundation was laid, so shall the head, or finishing stone be brought forth, amidst the joyful shouts of the people.—After KIMCHI.

קָרְבָּנ֛וֹ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד שני שנה חמשה זֶ֥ה קָרְבַּ֖ן
אֲחִיעֶ֖זֶר בֶּן־עַמִּֽישַׁדָּֽי׃
72 בְּיוֹם֙ עַשְׁתֵּ֣י עָשָׂ֣ר י֔וֹם נָשִׂ֖יא לִבְנֵ֣י אָשֵׁ֑ר פַּגְעִיאֵ֖ל
בֶּן־עָכְרָֽן׃ קָרְבָּנ֛וֹ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה זֶ֥ה
קָרְבַּ֖ן פַּגְעִיאֵ֥ל בֶּן־עָכְרָֽן׃
78 בְּיוֹם֙ שְׁנֵ֣ים עָשָׂ֣ר י֔וֹם נָשִׂ֖יא לִבְנֵ֣י נַפְתָּלִ֑י אֲחִירַ֖ע
בֶּן־עֵינָֽן׃ קָרְבָּנ֛וֹ קַֽעֲרַת־ כסף וגו׳ עד בני שנה חמשה זֶ֥ה
קָרְבַּ֖ן אֲחִירַ֥ע בֶּן־עֵינָֽן׃
84 זֹ֣את ׀ חֲנֻכַּ֣ת הַמִּזְבֵּ֗חַ בְּיוֹם֙ הִמָּשַׁ֣ח אֹת֔וֹ מֵאֵ֖ת נְשִׂיאֵ֣י
יִשְׂרָאֵ֑ל קַֽעֲרֹ֨ת כֶּ֜סֶף שְׁתֵּ֣ים עֶשְׂרֵ֗ה מִֽזְרְקֵי־כֶ֙סֶף֙
85 שְׁנֵ֣ים עָשָׂ֔ר כַּפּ֥וֹת זָהָ֖ב שְׁתֵּ֥ים עֶשְׂרֵֽה׃ שְׁלֹשִׁ֣ים
וּמֵאָ֗ה הַקְּעָרָ֤ה הָֽאַחַת֙ כֶּ֔סֶף וְשִׁבְעִ֖ים הַמִּזְרָ֣ק
הָאֶחָ֑ד כֹּ֚ל כֶּ֣סֶף הַכֵּלִ֔ים אַלְפַּ֥יִם וְאַרְבַּע־מֵא֖וֹת
86 בְּשֶׁ֥קֶל הַקֹּֽדֶשׁ׃ כַּפּ֨וֹת זָהָ֤ב שְׁתֵּים־עֶשְׂרֵה֙ מְלֵאֹ֣ת
קְטֹ֔רֶת עֲשָׂרָ֧ה עֲשָׂרָ֛ה הַכַּ֖ף בְּשֶׁ֣קֶל הַקֹּ֑דֶשׁ כָּל־זְהַ֥ב
87 הַכַּפּ֖וֹת עֶשְׂרִ֥ים וּמֵאָֽה׃ כָּל־הַבָּקָ֨ר לָֽעֹלָ֜ה שְׁנֵ֧ים
עָשָׂ֣ר פָּרִ֗ים אֵילִ֤ם שְׁנֵים־עָשָׂר֙ כְּבָשִׂ֧ים בְּנֵי־שָׁנָ֛ה
שְׁנֵ֥ים עָשָׂ֖ר וּמִנְחָתָ֑ם וּשְׂעִירֵ֥י עִזִּ֛ים שְׁנֵ֥ים עָשָׂ֖ר
88 לְחַטָּֽאת׃ וְכֹ֞ל בְּקַ֣ר ׀ זֶ֣בַח הַשְּׁלָמִ֗ים עֶשְׂרִ֣ים
וְאַרְבָּעָה֮ פָּרִים֒ אֵילִ֤ם שִׁשִּׁים֙ עַתֻּדִ֣ים שִׁשִּׁ֔ים
כְּבָשִׂ֥ים בְּנֵֽי־שָׁנָ֖ה שִׁשִּׁ֑ים זֹ֚את חֲנֻכַּ֣ת הַמִּזְבֵּ֔חַ אַחֲרֵ֖י

prince of the children of Dan, did offer: 67. His offering was one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the offering of Achiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72. On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ochran, prince of the children of Asher, did offer: 73. His offering was one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochran.

78. On the twelfth day Achira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, did offer: 79. His offering was one silver charger, [&c., TILL "FIRST YEAR,"] this was the offering of Achira the son of Enan.

84. This was the dedication-offering of the altar on the day when it was anointed, from the princes of Israel: twelve silver chargers, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden spoons. 85. A hundred and thirty shekels was the weight of each silver charger, and seventy of each bowl; the silver of all the vessels was two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: 86. Twelve golden spoons full of incense, ten shekels was the weight of each spoon, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons was a hundred and twenty shekels. 87. All the oxen for the burnt-offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat-offering: and the young kids for sin-offering, twelve. 88. And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings were twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication-offering of the altar, after that it was anointed. 89. And when Moses[a]

[a] Moses entered not into the holy of holies; but as he went into the tabernacle he heard the voice of God as it were meeting him from above the ark of the testimony; the voice was only audible to Moses, and went not beyond the limits of the sanctuary.—After RASHI.

89 הַמָּשַׁח אֹתוֹ׃ וּבְבֹא מֹשֶׁה אֶל־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ
וַיִּשְׁמַע אֶת־הַקּוֹל מִדַּבֵּר אֵלָיו מֵעַל הַכַּפֹּרֶת אֲשֶׁר
עַל־אֲרֹן הָעֵדֻת מִבֵּין שְׁנֵי הַכְּרֻבִים וַיְדַבֵּר אֵלָיו׃
ח 1 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵּאמֹר׃ דַּבֵּר אֶל־אַהֲרֹן
2 וְאָמַרְתָּ אֵלָיו בְּהַעֲלֹתְךָ אֶת־הַנֵּרֹת אֶל־מוּל
3 פְּנֵי הַמְּנוֹרָה יָאִירוּ שִׁבְעַת הַנֵּרוֹת׃ וַיַּעַשׂ כֵּן אַהֲרֹן
אֶל־מוּל פְּנֵי הַמְּנוֹרָה הֶעֱלָה נֵרֹתֶיהָ כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה
4 יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה׃ וְזֶה מַעֲשֵׂה הַמְּנֹרָה מִקְשָׁה זָהָב
עַד־יְרֵכָהּ עַד־פִּרְחָהּ מִקְשָׁה הִוא כַּמַּרְאֶה אֲשֶׁר
הֶרְאָה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה כֵּן עָשָׂה אֶת־הַמְּנֹרָה׃

הפטרת שבת שניה דחנוכה

במלכי׳ א׳ סימן ז׳

40 וַיַּעַשׂ חִירוֹם אֶת־הַכִּיֹּרוֹת וְאֶת־הַיָּעִים וְאֶת־
הַמִּזְרָקוֹת וַיְכַל חִירָם לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־כָּל־הַמְּלָאכָה
41 אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה בֵּית יְהוָה׃ עַמֻּדִים
שְׁנַיִם וְגֻלֹּת הַכֹּתָרֹת אֲשֶׁר־עַל־רֹאשׁ הָעַמֻּדִים
שְׁתָּיִם וְהַשְּׂבָכוֹת שְׁתַּיִם לְכַסּוֹת אֶת־שְׁתֵּי גֻּלּוֹת
42 הַכֹּתָרֹת אֲשֶׁר עַל־רֹאשׁ הָעַמּוּדִים׃ וְאֶת־
הָרִמֹּנִים אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת לִשְׁתֵּי הַשְּׂבָכוֹת שְׁנֵי־
טוּרִים רִמֹּנִים לַשְּׂבָכָה הָאֶחָת לְכַסּוֹת אֶת־שְׁתֵּי
43 גֻּלּוֹת הַכֹּתָרֹת אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי הָעַמּוּדִים׃ וְאֶת־

went into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with Him, then he heard the voice speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubim: and thus he spoke unto him.

CHAP. VIII.
1. And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying,
2. Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him,
When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give
light towards the body of the candlestick. 3. And Aaron
did so; towards the body of the candlestick did he light
the lamps thereof, as the Lord commanded Moses. 4. And
this was the workmanship of the candlestick; it was of
beaten gold, the shaft thereof, as well as the flowers thereof,
were beaten work; according unto the pattern which the
Lord had showed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

HAPHTORAH OF THE SECOND SABBATH OF HANUCKA.

1 Kings vii. 40.

40. And Chiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and
the basins; so Chiram made an end of doing all the work
that he made for king Solomon for the house of the Lord:
41. The two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals
that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two net-
works, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were
upon the top of the pillars; 42. And the four hundred
pomegranates for the two net-works, two rows of pome-
granates for each net-work, to cover the two bowls of the
capitals that were upon the pillars; 43. And the ten

הַמְּכֹנוֹת עָשֶׂר וְאֶת־הַכִּיֹּרֹת עֲשָׂרָה עַל־הַמְּכֹנוֹת׃
44 וְאֶת־הַיָּם הָאֶחָד וְאֶת־הַבָּקָר שְׁנֵים־עָשָׂר תַּחַת
45 הַיָּם׃ וְאֶת־הַסִּירוֹת וְאֶת־הַיָּעִים וְאֶת־הַמִּזְרָקוֹת
וְאֵת כָּל־הַכֵּלִים הָאֹהֶל* אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה חִירָם לַמֶּלֶךְ
46 שְׁלֹמֹה בֵּית יְהוָה נְחֹשֶׁת מְמֹרָט׃ בְּכִכַּר הַיַּרְדֵּן
יְצָקָם הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּמַעֲבֵה הָאֲדָמָה בֵּין סֻכּוֹת וּבֵין
47 צָרְתָן׃ וַיַּנַּח שְׁלֹמֹה אֶת־כָּל־הַכֵּלִים מֵרֹב מְאֹד
48 מְאֹד לֹא נֶחְקַר מִשְׁקַל הַנְּחֹשֶׁת׃ וַיַּעַשׂ שְׁלֹמֹה
אֵת כָּל־הַכֵּלִים אֲשֶׁר בֵּית יְהוָה אֵת מִזְבַּח הַזָּהָב
49 וְאֶת־הַשֻּׁלְחָן אֲשֶׁר עָלָיו לֶחֶם הַפָּנִים זָהָב׃ וְאֶת־
הַמְּנֹרוֹת חָמֵשׁ מִיָּמִין וְחָמֵשׁ מִשְּׂמֹאול לִפְנֵי הַדְּבִיר
זָהָב סָגוּר וְהַפֶּרַח וְהַנֵּרֹת וְהַמֶּלְקַחַיִם זָהָב׃
50 וְהַסִּפּוֹת וְהַמְזַמְּרוֹת וְהַמִּזְרָקוֹת וְהַכַּפּוֹת וְהַמַּחְתּוֹת
זָהָב סָגוּר וְהַפֹּתוֹת לְדַלְתוֹת הַבַּיִת הַפְּנִימִי
לְקֹדֶשׁ הַקֳּדָשִׁים לְדַלְתֵי הַבַּיִת לַהֵיכָל זָהָב׃

מפטיר לשבת ראש חדש

קריאה למפטיר בשבת ר״ח

9 וּבְיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת שְׁנֵי־כְבָשִׂים בְּנֵי־שָׁנָה תְּמִימִם
וּשְׁנֵי עֶשְׂרֹנִים סֹלֶת מִנְחָה בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן וְנִסְכּוֹ׃
10 עֹלַת שַׁבַּת בְּשַׁבַּתּוֹ עַל־עֹלַת הַתָּמִיד וְנִסְכָּהּ׃

* האלה ק׳

bases, and the ten lavers on the bases; 44. And the one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; 45. And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins; and all these vessels, which Chiram made for king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of polished copper. 46. In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan. 47. And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceedingly many; neither was the weight of the copper sought out. 48. And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD; the altar of gold, and the table whereupon the shewbread was, of gold, 49. And the candlesticks, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, of pure gold, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, 50. And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges, for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, for the doors of the house, of the temple, of gold.

READING OF THE LAW FOR THE MAPHTERE ON SABBATH ROSH CHODESH.

NUMBERS xxviii. 9.

9. And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without blemish, and two tenth-parts of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof. 10. This is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering.

11 וּבְרָאשֵׁי חָדְשֵׁיכֶם תַּקְרִיבוּ עֹלָה לַיהוָה פָּרִים בְּנֵי־
בָקָר שְׁנַיִם וְאַיִל אֶחָד כְּבָשִׂים בְּנֵי־שָׁנָה שִׁבְעָה
12 תְּמִימִם׃ וּשְׁלֹשָׁה עֶשְׂרֹנִים סֹלֶת מִנְחָה בְּלוּלָה
בַשֶּׁמֶן לַפָּר הָאֶחָד וּשְׁנֵי עֶשְׂרֹנִים סֹלֶת מִנְחָה
13 בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן לָאַיִל הָאֶחָד׃ וְעִשָּׂרֹן עִשָּׂרוֹן סֹלֶת
מִנְחָה בְּלוּלָה בַשֶּׁמֶן לַכֶּבֶשׂ הָאֶחָד עֹלָה רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ
14 אִשֶּׁה לַיהוָה׃ וְנִסְכֵּיהֶם חֲצִי הַהִין יִהְיֶה לַפָּר וּשְׁלִישִׁת
הַהִין לָאַיִל וּרְבִיעִת הַהִין לַכֶּבֶשׂ יָיִן זֹאת עֹלַת
15 חֹדֶשׁ בְּחָדְשׁוֹ לְחָדְשֵׁי הַשָּׁנָה׃ וּשְׂעִיר עִזִּים אֶחָד
לְחַטָּאת לַיהוָה עַל־עֹלַת הַתָּמִיד יֵעָשֶׂה וְנִסְכּוֹ׃

הפטרת שבת ראש חדש

ישעיה סימן ס״ו

1 כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּסְאִי וְהָאָרֶץ הֲדֹם רַגְלָי
אֵי־זֶה בַיִת אֲשֶׁר תִּבְנוּ־לִי וְאֵי־זֶה מָקוֹם מְנוּחָתִי׃
2 וְאֶת־כָּל־אֵלֶּה יָדִי עָשָׂתָה וַיִּהְיוּ כָל־אֵלֶּה נְאֻם־
יְהוָה וְאֶל־זֶה אַבִּיט אֶל־עָנִי וּנְכֵה־רוּחַ וְחָרֵד עַל־
3 דְּבָרִי׃ שׁוֹחֵט הַשּׁוֹר מַכֵּה־אִישׁ זוֹבֵחַ הַשֶּׂה עֹרֵף
כֶּלֶב מַעֲלֵה מִנְחָה דַּם־חֲזִיר מַזְכִּיר לְבֹנָה מְבָרֵךְ
אָוֶן גַּם־הֵמָּה בָּחֲרוּ בְּדַרְכֵיהֶם וּבְשִׁקּוּצֵיהֶם נַפְשָׁם
4 חָפֵצָה׃ גַּם־אֲנִי אֶבְחַר בְּתַעֲלֻלֵיהֶם וּמְגוּרֹתָם

11. And on the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the Lord; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish. 12. And three tenth-parts of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth-parts of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for one ram; 13. And a tenth-part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering for every lamb; as a burnt-offering of sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord. 14. And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for the bullock, and the third-part of a hin for the ram, and a fourth-part of a hin for the lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year. 15. And one young kid for a sin-offering unto the Lord shall be offered, beside the continual burnt-offering, with his drink-offering.

When the new moon is on Sabbath, they say generally the following Haphtorah from Isaiah lxvi.

HAPHTORAH OF SABBATH ROSH CHODESH.

CHAP. LXVI. 1. Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my foot-stool; where is a house that ye can build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? 2. For all these things hath my hand made, and all these things came into being, saith the Lord; but upon such one will I look, to the poor and to him who is of a contrite spirit, and trembling at my word. 3. He that killeth the ox slays a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, breaks the neck of a dog; he that offereth an oblation, offereth swine's blood; he that burneth incense, blesseth an idol; yea, have they chosen their own ways, and their soul doth delight in their abominations. 4. So I also will choose their delusions, and what they fear will I bring upon them;

אָבִ֣יא לָהֶ֔ם יַ֣עַן קָרָ֗אתִי וְאֵ֥ין עוֹנֶ֛ה דִּבַּ֖רְתִּי וְלֹ֣א
שָׁמֵ֑עוּ וַיַּעֲשׂ֤וּ הָרַע֙ בְּעֵינַ֔י וּבַאֲשֶׁ֥ר לֹֽא־חָפַ֖צְתִּי
5 בָּחָֽרוּ׃ שִׁמְעוּ֙ דְּבַר־יְהוָ֔ה הַחֲרֵדִ֖ים אֶל־דְּבָר֑וֹ אָמְרוּ֩
אֲחֵיכֶ֨ם שֹׂנְאֵיכֶ֜ם מְנַדֵּיכֶ֗ם לְמַ֤עַן שְׁמִי֙ יִכְבַּ֣ד יְהוָ֔ה
6 וְנִרְאֶ֥ה בְשִׂמְחַתְכֶ֖ם וְהֵ֥ם יֵבֹֽשׁוּ׃ ק֤וֹל שָׁאוֹן֙ מֵעִ֔יר
7 ק֖וֹל מֵֽהֵיכָ֑ל ק֣וֹל יְהוָ֔ה מְשַׁלֵּ֥ם גְּמ֖וּל לְאֹיְבָֽיו׃ בְּטֶ֥רֶם
תָּחִ֖יל יָלָ֑דָה בְּטֶ֨רֶם יָב֥וֹא חֵ֛בֶל לָ֖הּ וְהִמְלִ֥יטָה זָכָֽר׃
8 מִֽי־שָׁמַ֣ע כָּזֹ֗את מִ֤י רָאָה֙ כָּאֵ֔לֶּה הֲי֤וּחַל אֶ֙רֶץ֙ בְּי֣וֹם
אֶחָ֔ד אִם־יִוָּ֥לֵד גּ֖וֹי פַּ֣עַם אֶחָ֑ת כִּי־חָ֛לָה גַּם־יָלְדָ֥ה
9 צִיּ֖וֹן אֶת־בָּנֶֽיהָ׃ הַאֲנִ֥י אַשְׁבִּ֛יר וְלֹ֥א אוֹלִ֖יד יֹאמַ֣ר
יְהוָ֑ה אִם־אֲנִ֧י הַמּוֹלִ֛יד וְעָצַ֖רְתִּי אָמַ֥ר אֱלֹהָֽיִךְ׃
10 שִׂמְח֧וּ אֶת־יְרוּשָׁלִַ֛ם וְגִ֥ילוּ בָ֖הּ כָּל־אֹהֲבֶ֑יהָ שִׂ֤ישׂוּ
11 אִתָּהּ֙ מָשׂ֔וֹשׂ כָּל־הַמִּֽתְאַבְּלִ֖ים עָלֶֽיהָ׃ לְמַ֤עַן תִּֽינְקוּ֙
וּשְׂבַעְתֶּ֔ם מִשֹּׁ֖ד תַּנְחֻמֶ֑יהָ לְמַ֧עַן תָּמֹ֛צּוּ וְהִתְעַנַּגְתֶּ֖ם
12 מִזִּ֥יז כְּבוֹדָֽהּ׃ כִּי־כֹ֣ה ׀ אָמַ֣ר יְהוָ֗ה הִנְנִ֣י נֹטֶֽה־אֵ֠לֶיהָ
כְּנָהָ֨ר שָׁל֜וֹם וּכְנַ֧חַל שׁוֹטֵ֛ף כְּב֥וֹד גּוֹיִ֖ם וִינַקְתֶּ֑ם עַל־
13 צַד֙ תִּנָּשֵׂ֔אוּ וְעַל־בִּרְכַּ֖יִם תְּשָׁעֳשָֽׁעוּ׃ כְּאִ֕ישׁ אֲשֶׁ֥ר
אִמּ֖וֹ תְּנַחֲמֶ֑נּוּ כֵּ֤ן אָֽנֹכִי֙ אֲנַ֣חֶמְכֶ֔ם וּבִירוּשָׁלִַ֖ם
14 תְּנֻחָֽמוּ׃ וּרְאִיתֶם֙ וְשָׂ֣שׂ לִבְּכֶ֔ם וְעַצְמֽוֹתֵיכֶ֖ם כַּדֶּ֣שֶׁא
תִפְרַ֑חְנָה וְנוֹדְעָ֤ה יַד־יְהוָה֙ אֶת־עֲבָדָ֔יו וְזָעַ֖ם אֶת־
15 אֹיְבָֽיו׃ כִּֽי־הִנֵּ֤ה יְהוָה֙ בָּאֵ֣שׁ יָב֔וֹא וְכַסּוּפָ֖ה מַרְכְּבֹתָ֑יו

because I called, and none did answer; I spoke, and they did not hear; and they did what is evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. 5. Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for the sake of my name, said, Let the Lord be glorified; but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. 6. A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense to his enemies. 7. Before she travailed she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. 8. Who hath heard the like? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be made to travail in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? that Zion hath travailed, also brought forth her children? 9. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I who cause to bring forth, now shut the womb? saith thy God. 10. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her; rejoice with her for joy, all ye that mourn for her: 11. That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breast of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. 12. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend to her peace like a river, and the glory of the nations like a flowing stream, that ye may suck; upon the arm shall ye be borne, and upon knees shall ye be dandled. 13. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; yea in Jerusalem shall ye be comforted. 14. And ye shall see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones like an herb shall flourish: and known will be the hand of the Lord toward his servants, and he will be indignant toward his enemies. 15. For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and his chariots are like the whirlwind, to send forth

16 לְהָשִׁיב בְּחֵמָה אַפּוֹ וְגַעֲרָתוֹ בְּלַהֲבֵי־אֵשׁ׃ כִּי
בָאֵשׁ יְהוָה נִשְׁפָּט וּבְחַרְבּוֹ אֶת־כָּל־בָּשָׂר וְרַבּוּ
17 חַלְלֵי יְהוָה׃ הַמִּתְקַדְּשִׁים וְהַמִּטַּהֲרִים אֶל־הַגַּנּוֹת
אַחַר אַחַד* בַּתָּוֶךְ אֹכְלֵי בְּשַׂר הַחֲזִיר וְהַשֶּׁקֶץ
18 וְהָעַכְבָּר יַחְדָּו יָסֻפוּ נְאֻם־יְהוָה׃ וְאָנֹכִי מַעֲשֵׂיהֶם
וּמַחְשְׁבֹתֵיהֶם בָּאָה לְקַבֵּץ אֶת־כָּל־הַגּוֹיִם וְהַלְּשֹׁנוֹת
19 וּבָאוּ וְרָאוּ אֶת־כְּבוֹדִי׃ וְשַׂמְתִּי בָהֶם אוֹת וְשִׁלַּחְתִּי
מֵהֶם ׀ פְּלֵיטִים אֶל־הַגּוֹיִם תַּרְשִׁישׁ פּוּל וְלוּד מֹשְׁכֵי
קֶשֶׁת תֻּבַל וְיָוָן הָאִיִּים הָרְחֹקִים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־שָׁמְעוּ
אֶת־שִׁמְעִי וְלֹא־רָאוּ אֶת־כְּבוֹדִי וְהִגִּידוּ אֶת־כְּבוֹדִי
20 בַּגּוֹיִם׃ וְהֵבִיאוּ אֶת־כָּל־אֲחֵיכֶם ׀ מִכָּל־הַגּוֹיִם ׀
מִנְחָה ׀ לַיהוָה בַּסּוּסִים וּבָרֶכֶב וּבַצַּבִּים וּבַפְּרָדִים
וּבַכִּרְכָּרוֹת עַל הַר קָדְשִׁי יְרוּשָׁלַםִ אָמַר יְהוָה
כַּאֲשֶׁר יָבִיאוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַמִּנְחָה בִּכְלִי טָהוֹר
21 בֵּית יְהוָה׃ וְגַם־מֵהֶם אֶקַּח לַכֹּהֲנִים לַלְוִיִּם אָמַר
22 יְהוָה׃ כִּי כַאֲשֶׁר הַשָּׁמַיִם הַחֲדָשִׁים וְהָאָרֶץ
הַחֲדָשָׁה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה עֹמְדִים לְפָנַי נְאֻם־יְהוָה
23 כֵּן יַעֲמֹד זַרְעֲכֶם וְשִׁמְכֶם׃ וְהָיָה מִדֵּי־חֹדֶשׁ בְּחָדְשׁוֹ
וּמִדֵּי שַׁבָּת בְּשַׁבַּתּוֹ יָבוֹא כָל־בָּשָׂר לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת
24 לְפָנַי אָמַר יְהוָה׃ וְיָצְאוּ וְרָאוּ בְּפִגְרֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים

* אחת קרי

his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
16. For by fire will the LORD plead, and by his sword with
all flesh; and many shall be the slain of the LORD. 17.
They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the
gardens behind one tree[a] in the midst, they who eat swine's
flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, together shall
they be consumed, saith the LORD. 18. And I, because of
their works and their thoughts, will let it come to pass to
gather all the nations and tongues; and they shall come,
and see my glory. 19. And I will set a sign among them,
and I will send from them those that escape unto the
nations, Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, Tubal,
and Yavan, the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame,
and have not seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my
glory among the nations. 20. And they shall bring all
your brethren out of all nations as an offering unto the
LORD, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon
mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusa-
lem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offer-
ing in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. 21. And
of them[b] also will I take for priests and for Levites, saith
the LORD. 22. For as the new heavens and the new earth,
which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD,
so shall remain your seed and your name. 23. And it shall
come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and
from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to pros-
trate themselves before me, saith the LORD. 24. And they
shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that

[a] The prophet probably alludes to the idolaters of his time who made many purifications in the gardens where they worshipped among the groves.

[b] "From the nations that bring, and the Israelites that are brought, will I take those again who are priests and Levites, but are now mingled up with the nations through compulsion, and they shall serve before me."—RASHI.

הַפֹּשְׁעִים בִּי כִּי תוֹלַעְתָּם לֹא תָמוּת וְאִשָּׁם לֹא
תִכְבֶּה וְהָיוּ דֵרָאוֹן לְכָל־בָּשָׂר:

והיה מדי חדש בחדשו וגו׳ עד לפני אמר יהוה*

* ואם הוא מחר חדש הספרדים מוסיפין הפסוק הראשון והאחרון
של הפטרת מ״ח דבסמוך:

הפטרה לערב ר״ח שחל בשבת

בשמואל א׳ סימן כ׳

18 וַיֹּאמֶר־לוֹ יְהוֹנָתָן מָחָר חֹדֶשׁ וְנִפְקַדְתָּ כִּי יִפָּקֵד
19 מוֹשָׁבֶךָ: וְשִׁלַּשְׁתָּ תֵּרֵד מְאֹד וּבָאתָ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם
אֲשֶׁר־נִסְתַּרְתָּ שָּׁם בְּיוֹם הַמַּעֲשֶׂה וְיָשַׁבְתָּ אֵצֶל
20 הָאֶבֶן הָאָזֶל: וַאֲנִי שְׁלֹשֶׁת הַחִצִּים צִדָּה אוֹרֶה
21 לְשַׁלַּח־לִי לְמַטָּרָה: וְהִנֵּה אֶשְׁלַח אֶת־הַנַּעַר לֵךְ
מְצָא אֶת־הַחִצִּים אִם־אָמֹר אֹמַר לַנַּעַר הִנֵּה
הַחִצִּים ׀ מִמְּךָ וָהֵנָּה קָחֶנּוּ ׀ וָבֹאָה כִּי־שָׁלוֹם לְךָ וְאֵין
22 דָּבָר חַי־יְהוָה: וְאִם־כֹּה אֹמַר לָעֶלֶם הִנֵּה הַחִצִּים
23 מִמְּךָ וָהָלְאָה לֵךְ כִּי שִׁלַּחֲךָ יְהוָה: וְהַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר
דִּבַּרְנוּ אֲנִי וָאָתָּה הִנֵּה יְהוָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ עַד־עוֹלָם:
24 וַיִּסָּתֵר דָּוִד בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיְהִי הַחֹדֶשׁ וַיֵּשֶׁב הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־*
25 הַלֶּחֶם לֶאֱכוֹל: וַיֵּשֶׁב הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־מוֹשָׁבוֹ כְּפַעַם ׀
בְּפַעַם אֶל־מוֹשַׁב הַקִּיר וַיָּקָם יְהוֹנָתָן וַיֵּשֶׁב אַבְנֵר
26 מִצַּד שָׁאוּל וַיִּפָּקֵד מְקוֹם דָּוִד: וְלֹא־דִבֶּר שָׁאוּל

* אל קרי

have transgressed against me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh. [Repeat verse 23.]

WHEN THE FIRST DAY IS ALSO NEW-MOON DAY, THE PORTUGUESE JEWS ADD THE VERSES 18 AND 42 OF CHAP. XX. OF 1 SAMUEL.

When the first day of the moon is on the first day of the week, the following Haphtorah is read from 1 SAMUEL XX. 18.

HAPHTORAH OF MACHAR CHODESH.

18. Then Jonathan said to David, To-morrow is the new moon; and thou wilt be missed, because thy seat will be left empty. 19. And when thou hast stayed till the third day, then thou shalt go down greatly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself on the work day, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. 20. And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. 21. And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows; if I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, then take him and come; for there is peace to thee, and no danger; as the LORD liveth. 22. But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way, for the LORD hath sent thee away. 23. And touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD is between me and thee for ever. 24. So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king set himself down to eat meat. 25. And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, upon a seat by the wall; and when Jonathan arose, Abner seated himself by the side of Shaul, and David's place was left empty. 26. Nevertheless Shaul spoke not the

מְאוּמָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כִּי אָמַר מִקְרֶה הוּא בִּלְתִּי
27 טָהוֹר הוּא כִּי־לֹא טָהוֹר׃ וַיְהִי מִמָּחֳרַת הַחֹדֶשׁ
הַשֵּׁנִי וַיִּפָּקֵד מְקוֹם דָּוִד וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁאוּל אֶל־יְהוֹנָתָן
בְּנוֹ מַדּוּעַ לֹא־בָא בֶן־יִשַׁי גַּם־תְּמוֹל גַּם־הַיּוֹם אֶל־
28 הַלָּחֶם׃ וַיַּעַן יְהוֹנָתָן אֶת־שָׁאוּל נִשְׁאֹל נִשְׁאַל דָּוִד
29 מֵעִמָּדִי עַד־בֵּית לָחֶם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר שַׁלְּחֵנִי נָא כִּי זֶבַח
מִשְׁפָּחָה לָנוּ בָּעִיר וְהוּא צִוָּה־לִי אָחִי וְעַתָּה אִם־
מָצָאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אִמָּלְטָה נָּא וְאֶרְאֶה אֶת־אֶחָי
30 עַל־כֵּן לֹא־בָא אֶל־שֻׁלְחַן הַמֶּלֶךְ׃ וַיִּחַר־אַף שָׁאוּל
בִּיהוֹנָתָן וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ בֶּן־נַעֲוַת הַמַּרְדּוּת הֲלוֹא יָדַעְתִּי
כִּי־בֹחֵר אַתָּה לְבֶן־יִשַׁי לְבָשְׁתְּךָ וּלְבֹשֶׁת עֶרְוַת
31 אִמֶּךָ׃ כִּי כָל־הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר בֶּן־יִשַׁי חַי עַל־הָאֲדָמָה
לֹא תִכּוֹן אַתָּה וּמַלְכוּתֶךָ וְעַתָּה שְׁלַח וְקַח אֹתוֹ
32 אֵלַי כִּי בֶן־מָוֶת הוּא׃ וַיַּעַן יְהוֹנָתָן אֶת־שָׁאוּל אָבִיו
33 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו לָמָּה יוּמַת מֶה עָשָׂה׃ וַיָּטֶל שָׁאוּל
אֶת־הַחֲנִית עָלָיו לְהַכֹּתוֹ וַיֵּדַע יְהוֹנָתָן כִּי־כָלָה
34 הִיא מֵעִם אָבִיו לְהָמִית אֶת־דָּוִד׃ וַיָּקָם יְהוֹנָתָן
מֵעִם הַשֻּׁלְחָן בָּחֳרִי־אָף וְלֹא־אָכַל בְּיוֹם־הַחֹדֶשׁ
35 הַשֵּׁנִי לֶחֶם כִּי נֶעְצַב אֶל־דָּוִד כִּי הִכְלִמוֹ אָבִיו׃ וַיְהִי
בַבֹּקֶר וַיֵּצֵא יְהוֹנָתָן הַשָּׂדֶה לְמוֹעֵד דָּוִד וְנַעַר קָטֹן
36 עִמּוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר לְנַעֲרוֹ רֻץ מְצָא־נָא אֶת־הַחִצִּים

least on that day; for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; because he hath not yet purified himself.[a] 27. And it came to pass on the morrow, the second day of the new moon, that David's place was left empty: and Shaul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore came not the son of Jesse, neither yesterday, nor to-day, to the meat? 28. And Jonathan answered Shaul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lechem: 29. And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for we have a family sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thy eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brothers, therefore hath he not come unto the king's table. 30. And the anger of Shaul was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of perverseness and rebellion, do I not know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thy own shame, and unto the shame of thy mother's nakedness? 31. For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou wilt not have any permanence with thy kingdom, wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he[b] shall surely die. 32. And Jonathan answered Shaul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? 33. And Shaul cast his javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to slay David. 34. And Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the new moon; for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame. 35. And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field to the place appointed with David, and a little lad was with him. 36. And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows

[a] Rashi. [b] Heb. "He is a son of death."

אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מוֹרֶה הַנַּעַר רָץ וְהוּא־יָרָה הַחֵצִי
37 לְהַעֲבִרוֹ׃ וַיָּבֹא הַנַּעַר עַד־מְקוֹם הַחֵצִי אֲשֶׁר יָרָה
יְהוֹנָתָן וַיִּקְרָא יְהוֹנָתָן אַחֲרֵי הַנַּעַר וַיֹּאמֶר הֲלוֹא
38 הַחֵצִי מִמְּךָ וָהָלְאָה׃ וַיִּקְרָא יְהוֹנָתָן אַחֲרֵי הַנַּעַר
מְהֵרָה חוּשָׁה אַל־תַּעֲמֹד וַיְלַקֵּט נַעַר יְהוֹנָתָן אֶת־
39 הַחִצִּי* וַיָּבֹא אֶל־אֲדֹנָיו׃ וְהַנַּעַר לֹא־יָדַע מְאוּמָה
40 אַךְ יְהוֹנָתָן וְדָוִד יָדְעוּ אֶת־הַדָּבָר׃ וַיִּתֵּן יְהוֹנָתָן
אֶת־כֵּלָיו אֶל־הַנַּעַר אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ לֵךְ הָבֵיא
41 הָעִיר׃ הַנַּעַר בָּא וְדָוִד קָם מֵאֵצֶל הַנֶּגֶב וַיִּפֹּל
לְאַפָּיו אַרְצָה וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ שָׁלֹשׁ פְּעָמִים וַיִּשְּׁקוּ ׀ אִישׁ
אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ וַיִּבְכּוּ אִישׁ אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ עַד־דָּוִד הִגְדִּיל׃
42 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן לְדָוִד לֵךְ לְשָׁלוֹם אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְנוּ
שְׁנֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה לֵאמֹר יְהוָה יִהְיֶה ׀
בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ וּבֵין זַרְעִי וּבֵין זַרְעֲךָ עַד־עוֹלָם׃

* החצים ק

which I shoot; and the lad ran, and he shot an arrow beyond him. 37. And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? 38. And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not; and Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. 39. But the lad knew not the least; only Jonathan and David knew the matter. 40. And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city. 41. And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose from the south side of the stone, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times; and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. 42. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace; what we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever (shall be kept).

END OF THE FIRST VOLUME.

ותשלם מלאכת הספר הזה ביום ה׳ כ״ב אייר תר״ה לפ״ק: